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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim),  
KIDNAPING,  
Chicago File #7-82.

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J.E.

With reference to your telegram of February 3, 1934, quoting a telegram received from Henry Borr, in which it is suggested that search be made of house number 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin, for Edward G. Bremer, please be advised that the following investigation was conducted.

Telephonic communication was had with the Post Office at Kenosha, Wisconsin, in an effort to determine if there were any streets in that town bearing names similar to those mentioned in the telegram, but no satisfactory information could be obtained, the only advice received being that there was at one time a West Street at that place but the name has since been changed.

Telephonic communication was had with the Division in order to ascertain the name of the place from where the telegram in question was sent and it was learned that this wire originated from Zeeland, Michigan, and that the figures appearing at the top of this wire were CC834-22, Government Collect, Zeeland, Michigan, 3-310 P.

Through the Western Union Telegraph Company at Chicago, an effort was made to communicate with the telegraph operator at Zeeland, Michigan. However, the telegraph company advised that it could not itself communicate with the operator at that hour and it was deemed advisable for this office to communicate directly with the operator.

Special Agents W. C. Jamison and J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to Zeeland, Michigan, arriving there on the early morning of February 4,

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1934, where they interviewed [REDACTED] who informed them that a Henry Borr resided at Zeeland and that he had been there for four or five years. [REDACTED] expressed the belief that Mr. Borr was a respectable citizen, and although unemployed at the present time, was a family man who lived a good life and appeared to be intelligent and rational. [REDACTED] said that the parents of Borr originally resided in Zeeland, Michigan, but moved to Pollock, South Dakota, and that subsequently they returned to Zeeland to reside. He said that he knew of no unusual or extended trips taken by Henry Borr and that he believed he had always been at Zeeland during the time of his residence there. No suspicious circumstances of any kind were attached to the conduct of Henry Borr, nor anything that would indicate an association with criminals. [REDACTED] was informed by Agents Jamison and Metcalfe that the purpose of the interview was to determine the reliability of Henry Borr as a source of information in view of the fact that he had furnished certain information pertaining to a matter of importance to the Division. In this connection Mr. Claver was unable to furnish any information except to say that at one time recently he had observed Henry Borr viewing the wanted notices and criminal circulars in the Post Office at Zeeland, and Borr remarked to a person standing next to him, "That is one of the fellows we want". [REDACTED] Claver was unable to say who the person was that was standing next to Borr at the time.

Interview was had with Mr. John Staal, the mail carrier who delivers mail to the Borr family. Mr. Staal verified the information already obtained from the Postmaster to the effect that the Borr family had at one time resided in South Dakota and that they had been living in Zeeland for the past few years. Mr. Staal stated that Henry Borr had not, to his knowledge, taken any trips of an unusual or extended nature, except that he went to South Dakota about a year ago, more or less, to attend the funeral of some relative. Mr. Staal was unable to state the source of the mail which has been delivered during the past to the Borr family. He said that Borr was a good churchman and was well liked in town and that he believed him to be an intelligent and sensible person. He also stated that he felt that Henry Borr was reliable as a source of information.

Agents Jamison and Metcalfe then interviewed Mr. Henry Borr at his residence in Zeeland and were advised by him that the information set forth in his telegram to the Division was the best information he was able to furnish. He was asked to relate the source of his information or the manner in which he had arrived at this information and he began by stating that this information had been arrived at by his partner, Mr. Peter J. Zalsman, a bricklayer residing at 14 W. 14th Street, Holland,

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Michigan, and by himself through their concentrated efforts of reading, thinking, and meditation. Mr. Borr was reluctant to expose the details of his investigative activity, saying that it would be difficult for anyone to try to understand the unique methods which he and Zalsman had employed in the solution of crimes. He said that in their efforts to solve crimes they did not communicate with anyone else in any manner, nor did they go to any other place than Zeeland, and that in fact their entire work was performed in the residence of Henry Borr. He was asked if their conclusions were arrived at through psychological methods and he stated that they were not. Further questioning determined that Henry Borr and Zalsman relied principally upon divine inspiration for the source of their information. Henry Borr admitted that such divine inspiration was not something that could be acquired but had to be a gift from above. He said that he had never related this method of divine inspiration to law enforcement officials, the clergyman at his church where he attended services, or even to members of his own and immediate family as none of these persons would be able to understand this situation. He stated that he felt that it was his duty to impart his divinely acquired information and the nature of his divine inspirations to the Government and that was why he was willing to make these revelations to the agents who interviewed him.

During this interview Agent Jamison left the room and interviewed Mrs. Henry Borr in an effort to determine whether Henry Borr was entirely sound of mind. He was informed by Mrs. Borr that Mr. Borr had been interested in detection of crimes for more than a year, and she complained that in several of the crimes he had solved he had been unable to collect the awards from police officials. Mrs. Borr appeared to be convinced of her husband's detective ability but stated that she knew nothing about the methods he pursued in his work.

In this connection it may be also noted that Henry Borr stated that he and his partner had solved numerous crimes by furnishing the necessary information to various law enforcement officials, which information was directly instrumental in the apprehension of criminals but in no instance did he or his partner receive the awards which were justly due them. He said that he had known his partner for a period of approximately two years, having become acquainted with him when Zalsman called at his home after Zalsman had advertised for a water finder and Borr had responded to the advertisement. When they met, Zalsman informed Borr that he did not want a water finder but that he wanted a man for another purpose and began to subject Borr to various tests and trials which were successfully met by Borr, with the result that Borr was taken into Zalsman's confidence and the work of divine inspirations and revelations began.

Mr. Borr was specifically questioned as to how he arrived at the location 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin. He denied that he had any maps of Kenosha or that he or Zalsman had ever been in Kenosha or had been in communication with anyone in Kenosha. He produced an atlas of the United States containing a map of Wisconsin and stated these were the only maps he and his partner used in their work. A number of papers were contained in the atlas, one of which was given to Agent Metcalfe by Henry Borr which is quoted herewith in order to indicate the mental state of Borr.

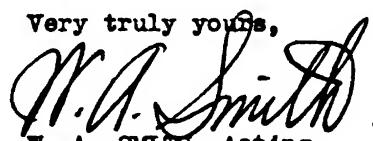
"Heavenly Father

Is it your Mags' desire that Borr and Zalsman go to Arizona to mine gold in Yavapai County go to City of Juniper and wash gold on the W branch of Walnut Creek

Has your desire been changed to give findings in our work" *67c*

It being determined that Henry Borr was evidently [redacted] he was thoroughly advised not to forward any further communications to the Division that might be based upon divine inspirations or revelations, and that he was to inform his partner, Mr. Zalsman, to the same effect.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: St. Paul.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

*J. E. H.*

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Clegg I called Chicago and Detroit yesterday to determine what progress is being made toward the location of the original getaway road charts found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932. These charts as you know are desired at the laboratory to make typewriting comparisons with the Bremer notes.

*Edgar H.* b7c

Mr. Larson subsequently called me back and stated that he had just been informed by Agent Donaldson at East Lansing, Michigan, that the original charts together with some machine gun bullets were in the possession of [redacted] formerly in the employ of the [redacted] that [redacted] had been found to be crooked and had been fired by [redacted] and had taken all the original evidence in the Holland Case with him. [redacted] has previously been reported by the Chicago Office to be located in Chicago and, accordingly, I asked Mr. Larson to call Chicago and give them the information immediately in order that they might follow up on [redacted]. Mr. Larson also stated, however, that the East Lansing authorities had two negatives taken of two sheets of the road chart and that the State Police were mailing these directly to the Division by air mail yesterday.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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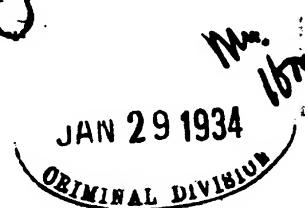
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Mr. J. Keenan:  
Wash. D.C.

Would suggest that you work on  
the Bremer Case as the markings  
being a signature. I think it safe  
reasonably to assume the name is  
Altwater.

Hope this may help you,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 515,  
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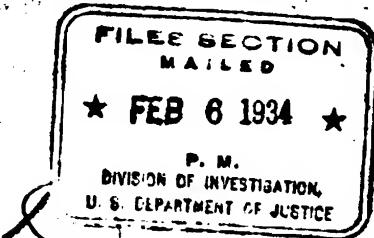
Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

For your information there is enclosed herewith  
a photostatic copy of an undated anonymous letter addressed  
to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 631639.



CAA:ON

February 6, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1000 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please obtain and forward for comparison in the case  
of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the "Worm Case", and such other  
cases as may appear advisable, specimens of the normal handwriting  
of Verne Stanley, his wife, Fern May Stanley, and Gordon Allerton.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Los Angeles, Calif.	2-3-34	3/29 & 31/34	J. B. Taylor
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREWER		KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p>1931 Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, 1935 Illinois license No. 1257414, left at Phoenix Motor Company, Phoenix, Arizona, about December 20, 1933, by owner, Anthony N. Iorrii, was removed from the Motor Company about January 27th, 1934, and now bears 1933 Illinois license No. 1250895. Iorrii is former Chicago bootlegger and now operator of night club in Phoenix.</p>			
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<p>FEB 1 1934 REFERENCE/ Telegram from the St. Paul Office, dated January 29th, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS The following is a copy of a memorandum submitted to the Los Angeles office on February 1st, 1934, by Special Agent G. J. Andres, Resident Agent, Phoenix, Arizona;</p>			
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"On January 29, 1934, the writer, while at Tucson, Arizona, had a telephonic conversation with Special Agent L. S. Taylor of the Los Angeles office in which Special Agent Taylor reported that the Los Angeles office had received a telegram as follows:

THE UNITED PRESS REPORT FROM PHOENIX THAT A ST PAUL GANGSTER, NAME NOT GIVEN LEFT PHOENIX THREE DAYS BEFORE THE BREMER KIDNAPPING RETURNING SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING REPORTED DRIVING AN EXPENSIVE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES THIS CAR CHECKED AT A GARAGE SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE OFFICERS SAID GANGSTERS HAVE SPENT LAST THREE WINTERS IN PHOENIX PLEASE CHECK FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH BREMER CASE NAME USED BY GANGSTERS ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER ETC

Agent called HARRY DIEHL, City Detective, Phoenix Police Department, in charge of the Auto Theft, over long distance telephone, who reported that he had checked a 1931 Lincoln Sedan at the Phoenix Motor Company, 490 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, about three weeks ago. H. V. Peterson, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau had checked this car with City Detective Harry Diehl. This car contained four men who are connected with the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, a night club managed by ex-Chicago men. Mr. DIEHL reported that the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan was 64496, and that at the time he checked the car, about three weeks ago, the car had Illinois license plates No. 1257414, year 1933. Mr. DIEHL also reported that he had recently seen this car in Phoenix, Arizona, at which time the car bore the license plates 1250895, Illinois 1933. He further stated that ANTHONY IORRII, alias TONY LAMBERT, a Chicago bootlegger, 50 to 55 years of age, was the owner of the instant car. Mr. DIEHL further reports that a person known as ESTAVO was also with IORRII at the time of the dealing with the Phoenix Motor Company.

Agent reported the above information to Los Angeles by telephone.

On January 31, 1934, while at Phoenix, Arizona, Agent interviewed H. V. PETERSON, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 620 Heard Bldg., who advised that he had wired his Chicago office for information concerning the Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, bearing 1933 Illinois License 1257414, and had received the information that the license 1257414 had been issued to E. BUEHLER, 119 South Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, on a Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 965657. Mr. PETERSON also received the information that this Lincoln Sedan had been shipped to the Ford Motor Car Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin and sold by them to the Kayser Motor Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This car was then sold to WILLIAM J. ENNICKING of Lakewood, Wisconsin, on November 22, 1933, and then sold to ANTHONY IORRII, alias TONY LAMBERT, bootlegger, in care of the National Coffee Company, 1154 West Van Buren, Chicago, Illinois.

City Detective HARRY DICK, Phoenix, advised that TRACY BURLINGHAM of the Phoenix Motor Company had requested him to check instant car on account of the peculiar actions of IORRII and his companions, who had attempted to sell this car to the Phoenix Motor Company.

Mr. BURLINGHAM was interviewed at the Phoenix Police Department, and stated that about two weeks before January 8, 1934, IORRII and three other men, all Italians, came to the Phoenix Motor Company, 400 West Washington Street, and stated that they wished to sell this Lincoln Sedan; that about a week or a week and a half after these men started dealing with Mr. BURLINGHAM they left the car on the used car lot of the Phoenix Motor Car Company at 407 West Washington Street, and that the car had remained there until Saturday, June 27, 1934, at which time IORRII and two of his Italian companions came after the car, stating that they would attempt to sell it in Los Angeles.

Mr. BURLINGHAM advanced the information that IORRII had stated that he had made two trips to Chicago, Mr. BURLINGHAM believing that one of the trips was probably about December 20, 1933, and the other about January 20th, 1934; also that IORRII claimed to own a ranch in Wyoming; further, that IORRII and his companions took over the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, sometime between December 1st and 15th, 1933, and are operating it at the present time.

The following are descriptions of the four men, obtained from Mr. BURLINGHAM:

Name	ANTHONY IORRII, alias TONY LAMBERT
Age	40 to 45 years
Height	About 5 feet
Weight	Over 200 pounds
Hair	Black, turning gray at temples
Eyes	Dark

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Height	5'8"
Weight	Over 200 lbs.
Hair	Black, turning gray
Peculiarities	3" deep scar on right cheek

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Age	29 to 30 years
Height	5'4"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Black
Build	Well-built
Complexion	Dark

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Height	5'1"
Weight	175 to 185 lbs.
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
	Has long thin nose; has thin fingers.

Mr. BURLINGHAM states that he was introduced to the three above-named Italians but does not recall their names.

He further advises that he has seen this car on a parking lot across the street from the Roosevelt Tavern, and that now the car bears Illinois 1933 license 1250895 (Mr. Peterson of the National Automobile Theft Bureau advises that this license number has not been checked by him).

Mr. ED MOORE, City Detective, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that he had made an investigation and ascertained the following: that IORRII first came to the Phoenix Motor Car Company with a black Lincoln Sedan bearing Illinois license No. 1257414, and had talked about a trade; that the next day two smaller Italians, said to be nephews of MIKE MORRO, brought the car to the garage. No deal was permitted to get to the record stage, but the car was left at the garage for sale. IORRII returned to Chicago and came back to Phoenix about Jan. 1, 1934. Papers for the car were said to be in the possession of MIKE MORRO who would take care of the transaction if a sale were made. On January 27th IORRII and ESTAVO came to the garage and took the car away, remarking that they would take it to the coast to see whether or not they could sell it there since the local automobile company had been unable to sell it. Mr. MOORE states that the car had been on the local lot since December 10, 1933.

J. J. McGRATH, Chief of Detectives, and members of the Phoenix Police Department Identification Bureau, advised that the Italians now operating the Roosevelt Tavern had been in Phoenix for only about three months, and that no records or photographs are on file with the Phoenix Police Department. Chief of Detectives McGRATH advises that he does not know the names of the Italians operating the Roosevelt Tavern and states that he has no informant who would be able to ascertain the names of the men.

E. S. WIER, Assistant Postmaster, Phoenix, Arizona, advised Agent that ANTHONY IORRII, MIKE MORRO and MIKE LUNZA were receiving mail at the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona. He advised that he received this information from ~~an informant~~ Lat. R. who stated that he would later be able to furnish the name of the fourth Italian.

Mr. H. V. PETERSON and City Detective HARRY DIEHL advised that a request was telegraphed to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1934, to check the car mentioned in this memorandum. They can recall checking no other car recently with an Illinois license.

For the reason that instant car has been on the lot of the Phoenix Motor Company from about December 20th until January 27th, 1934, no further investigation is being made by Agent unless requested to do so."

It was originally reported that the Lincoln car belonging to Mr. KORNHILL was removed from the Phoenix Motor Company in Phoenix about January 1st, 1934. It now appears that the car remained on the parking lot until January 27th, 1934.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MR. Nathan	.....
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MR. Clegg	.....
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MR. Edwards	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Locke	.....
MR. Roper	.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey, at Philadelphia, phoned. Mr. Harvey had called Mr. Nathan. Mr. Nathan did not think that we should dignify Pat Crow by talking with him by telephone since he has been given every opportunity to disclose any information known to him to Mr. Harvey. Mr. Nathan told Mr. Harvey that a general reward would be offered which would exceed the amount requested by Pat Crow and that he could tell Crow that if his information could be recorded, all the facts as to the information furnished by him would be given to those paying the reward in the event the information was of value. Crow refused to talk and claims that he is coming to Washington. Mr. Harvey is convinced Crow does not know anything. Crow also claims to have confidential information about bank robberies and various other types of offenses. I told Mr. Harvey to present the facts known to him to the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Pat Crow*



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Dr. William C. Fowler,  
Health Department,  
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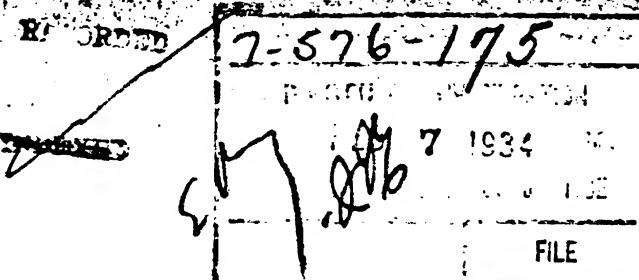
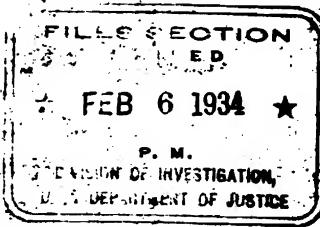
Dear Dr. Fowler:

It will be appreciated if Mr. Edward Donaldson may be permitted as a matter of cooperation to examine a specimen of an automobile seat, the cover of which is stained.

The specimen will be delivered to him under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Director



EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. NOSEF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey called from Philadelphia. He stated that Mr. Crow was in the office and he wondered if any information could be given to Mr. Crow about Crow's request. I told Harvey that I had talked with Mr. Nathan and that Mr. Nathan had said he would talk with Mr. Bremer. Harvey stated that Crow only wants to receive ten percent of that portion of the ransom money which is recovered after the money is paid in the event any of it is recovered. I was of the opinion that if Crow's information led directly to the safe return of the victim, the arrest of the kidnapers or the recovery of the money, this would be agreeable and suggested to Harvey that Mr. Nathan thought we could get Crow an affirmative answer.

Harvey called subsequently and stated that Crow wanted to talk to Washington by telephone and wanted to talk to Mr. Nathan, and wanted a written statement. I told Harvey not to give Crow anything in writing but that Harvey might call Mr. Nathan and talk to him personally and if Mr. Nathan desired to talk with Crow he could do so but that I felt it improper for anyone in Washington to talk by telephone with Crow as he would immediately go out and get some newspaper publicity concerning the conversation, and Crow's reputation is an established fact which would not reflect favorably on the Division should it become known that the Division officials were talking directly with Crow, and to further inform Crow that the information in his possession should be furnished to Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia. Harvey stated he would call Mr. Nathan, as suggested.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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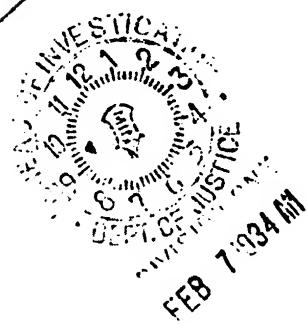
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MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the attached telegram Mr. Nathan wrote the Division asking for the names of the suspects in the Denver, Colorado, mint robbery. He wanted these names in connection with the Bremer case. Their connection and purpose was not known. The Washington Field Office ascertained from Mr. Moran, Chief of the Secret Service, the names of the suspects were not available in Washington but were available in Denver and the Operative in Charge of the Denver office of the Secret Service Division has been telegraphically instructed to turn over to Agents of this Division the names of such suspects. The attached telegram prepared by Mr. Newby is to acquaint Mr. Nathan with this fact.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 6, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
O KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are fourteen letters  
relative to the above matter, copies of which have been  
made for the file in the St. Paul Division office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Feb. 3, 1934.

Memorandum for S. A. C. Warner Hamm:

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No: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
EDWARD G. BREWER VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-10, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Feb. 3, 1934

A. M.

W. HOWARD [Signature]

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With reference to the information furnished to the effect that the Alice, referred to in the original note in this case, and the rest of the gang could be located at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, the investigation set out below was made.

A search of the City Directory, Sioux City, Iowa, revealed that no such address as 931 Cecelia Street existed. A personal inspection of this vicinity revealed that the 900 block on this street consists of a drug store on the corner of Morainside Avenue and Cecelia Street, then directly south of this drug store is a house wherein a family by the name of OLSON resides. There is a distance of about 100 feet to the next house which is #919 and about 75 feet further is the third and last house in the block which is #927. Across the street east from the 900 block is what is known as Cecelia Park and there are no houses therein. In the rear of 919 and 927, more directly behind 919, is another house which has one room and a garage downstairs or on the ground floor and three small rooms upstairs.

It was learned that ~~Ed. Morgan~~ at one time ~~was a member of the~~ Police in Sioux City, and at the present time on the ~~Police~~ Theft Detail, resided at 1011 Cecelia St., and he was contacted and advised that most of the people living in that vicinity were known to him as having resided there 10 years. He did not know who resided in the above three houses at the present time as the tenants moved in within the last year or so. He recalled that his wife had mentioned the fact that there was a suspicious looking couple residing at the end of the 1100 block which on inspection proved to be #1131. Mrs. Morgan was consulted and she knew that a family by the name of Winters resided at 919 Cecelia Street, but did not know the names of the people in the other two houses but knew that they had resided there for at least a year. She was very suspicious of the couple residing at 1131. Mrs. Morgan is very friendly with ~~Ed. Morgan~~ O'Leary, an elderly woman who owns this house and the previous Saturday had helped Mrs. O'Leary clean the house and they had discussed these two people.

15-18 DESTROYED ~~Ed. Morgan~~ ~~Winters~~, residing on the corner of Cecelia and Morainside, did not, when first interviewed, know the people living

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in the houses at 919 and 937 but did know that OTTO SCHMIDT, a man with a family of children, lived in the house in the rear of these two places and worked in the packing plant. He was certain that this party was not engaged in any illegal business. Mr. Barney, who appeared to be a shrewd person, made inquiries and determined that JOSEPH WILKINS lived in the house at 919 and that he was regularly employed and had been there about a year. He promised to make further discreet inquiry with reference to the persons residing at 937. MR. BARNEY had, on subsequent interview, learned of the couple residing at 1111 and thought that they were the only parties in the vicinity who might have an illegal business.

WILCOX, representative of BULL, contacted Moraine City Station and learned that the only available records showed a woman, MARY ANDERSON residing at this address, 957, and that she had moved to Akron, Colorado, Burdette Route. The directory for 1933 of the City also showed the same woman as living at that address but she was well known in the community and was known to have left about a year ago.

In company with LEO NAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, extensive inquiry was made in the northeast part of Sioux City. Some of the streets have been run north through this vicinity where there are only a few houses. Posts bearing the names of all the streets in the vicinity of Cecilia Street were found at about 700 north and at the point where Cecilia would hit 10th street if it were cut through there is a house located at what would be numbered 1000 Cecilia. This is in reality a farm house, but is hidden from all directions by hills. It was determined by inquiry in the neighborhood that one, ~~JOHN MILLS~~ stayed there and that he was in the business of raising hogs, and that he had two helpers who worked there occasionally. The house is in very dilapidated condition and was looked at the time of this inspection.

With reference to the house No 1151 Cecilia Street, M.D., [REDACTED] advised that in her discussion with MISS O'LEARY concerning the couple at this address, they both thought that these people were in some racket for they seldom left the place except when they both went together, and when they gave the name of MR. and MRS. MURPHY to [REDACTED] upon their arrival, they said it in such a way that she did not think that such was their right name. They have few belongings at this place, all being carried in two suitcases and a brief case. They are in possession of a Nash car which is always parked in front of this residence. This car, which was observed, is a large sedan, of dark color with a trunk in the rear. It bears Iowa 1933 license at the present time, #97-19652, which, upon check of the duplicate registration in possession of the police department, showed it to be in the name of MAX MURPHY, 4025 Madison, [REDACTED] which is the address of one, [REDACTED] a widow. The car was registered 8-28-33, and bears motor number 380451, serial #497151, being listed as a 1930 model.

Arrangements were made so that agent would call at 1151 Cecilia Street, on the morning of February 8, 1934, at 11:00 A.M. by which time MISS O'LEARY and MRS. MORGAN would have requested these two people to leave so that their room might be cleaned. As agent approached this place, these two parties were just leaving. Upon inspection of the belongings in the room, mail was found addressed to P. C. RATTENMEYER, 125 Livestock Exchange, Sioux City, Iowa, from the Mobile Adjustment Company, Mobile, Alabama. Various insurance books and papers were also found indicating that this man was perhaps an insurance adjuster. There were several detective story magazines and a page torn from one which had a reference to the TOUGH TRIAL for the FACTOR kidnaping in Chicago, among other crime items on the same page. There was a new Underwood typewriter in the room and MISS O'LEARY stated that they used this a great deal. Agent wrote about forty words on this typewriter, words which were recalled as being in the original note in this case, and some are forwarded herewith for transmission to the Division for expert analysis. This is not a portable typewriter.

At the office of the U.S. Marshal, Don Fruesner, and his deputies, Holly and Renshaw, the name RATTENMEYER was recalled as having been connected with some liquor case for which a subpoena was issued but RATTENMEYER never was located. It was said that FRANK WILSON, agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, located at Fort Dodge, Iowa, would know all about this party. RATTENMEYER is not listed in recent directories but in an old 1922 directory of the city he is found listed as PAUL C. RATTENMEYER, 4500 Arthur Street, and as a laborer for the Hawkeye Truck Company, 2700 Floyd Street, MR. HARRY A. CHRISTENSEN being the president of the company.

At the sheriff's office, LEO HAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, when first asked if he knew RATTENME stated that he did and wanted to know if he were still living with the red headed woman. It developed that HAUGHTON had a few years ago been these two together often, and recalled that RATTENME had been arrested in connection with the EARL KNOWLES liquor conspiracy case and had turned government witness. A photograph of RATTENME was turned over to agent and is attached hereto. RATTENME has been known as a liquor runner in the past and his present occupation is not known. He has a brother living in Sioux City by the name of MICHAEL RATTENME, an engineer on the C.S.T.P.&S. Railway, and who is considered a good citizen. HAUGHTON thought that the kidnapping racket was away over the head of PAUL RATTENME, but he decided to keep watch of him in the future. HAUGHTON did not know the name of the red headed woman with RATTENME but upon inquiry concerning her at one time he was advised that she was a former prostitute but he could not recall where he got this information.

At the police department, FRANK WHEELOCK stated that he also knew RATTENME and thought that the kidnapping game was too big for him. He agreed to keep RATTENME under surveillance in the future.

PAUL O.RATTENME is described as follows: (personal observation):

MAE MURPHY is described as follows: (personal observation):

It is not considered necessary to follow this inquiry further at this time.

Very truly yours,

R.T.NOONAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 6, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
O KIDNAPING. Chicago File #7-82.

On February 5, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis telephoned this office from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, indicating that he had interviewed Gordon Alcorn with a view to showing whether or not Alcorn was implicated in the Bremer kidnaping on January 17, 1934. At that interview, it is understood, Alcorn informed him, Mr. Purvis, that he, Alcorn, had received dental treatment through a Dr. B. L. Bolasny in Chicago, Illinois, on January 5, 1934, and on January 16, 1934, which would indicate the impossibility of his, Alcorn's, participation in the Bremer kidnaping. It is understood further that Alcorn informed Mr. Purvis that he, Alcorn, had made arrangements to secure employment through the Mid-town Movers at 2556 North Clark Street, and that he, Alcorn, visited said address practically every day during the month of January. In view of this information, Mr. Purvis telephonically requested that inquiries be made of Dr. Bolasny and also at the Mid-town Movers through a Mr. Kelley. Accordingly, the following investigation was made by Special Agent K. R. McIntire of the Chicago Office:

Dr. B. L. Bolasny, 2561 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, phone number, Diversey 1415, informed Agent McIntire that Gordon Alcorn came to him under the name of W. Thomas, having been referred to him, Dr. Bolasny, by Dr. William Ferris, a physician through whom Mrs. Walter Thomas, the wife of Gordon Alcorn, was receiving treatment for a burned hand. (Alcorn will be referred to in this letter as Thomas in view of the fact that he was known under such name by the parties interviewed.)

An examination of Dr. Bolasny's books disclosed that Thomas commenced treatment on August 28, 1933, and continued his visits on the following dates:-

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Monday, Aug. 28, 1933 - Extraction five posteriors (upper right).  
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1933 - Extraction three molars (lower right).  
Monday, Sept. 18, 1933 - Extraction two bicuspids (lower right).  
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1933 - Appointment cancelled.  
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1933 - " "  
Friday, Oct. 13, 1933 - Appointment kept.  
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Oct. 23, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Nov. 6, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Dec. 11, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Dec. 18, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1934 - Appointment cancelled.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1934 - Appointment kept.  
Friday, Jan. 5, 1934 - " "  
Friday, Jan. 12, 1934 - " "  
Monday, Jan. 22, 1934 - " "  
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1934 - " "

A careful examination of Dr. Bolesny's books failed to disclose that Thomas had any treatment on January 16, 1934, as indicated by Mr. Purvis.

Dr. Bolesny advised that his work up until the apprehension of Thomas was the extraction of his, Thomas', teeth with a view to furnishing him with two sets of plates, upper and lower, advising that Thomas had a very bad case of pyorrhea. Dr. Bolesny advised that Thomas' gums were in an extremely bad condition and that they gave him a considerable amount of pain. Further, Thomas complained of other pains on several occasions. Dr. Bolesny was not able to state whether such pain would force a man to go to bed but he stated that it was very possible that Thomas may have gone to bed as a result of the pain. He also advised that on several occasions Mrs. Thomas, the wife of Walter Thomas, called him advising of the pain and distress which Thomas was suffering by virtue of his teeth and asked what might be done to relieve such pain. Dr. Bolesny could not recall the dates on which Mrs. Thomas made these telephone calls. It is to be noted above that the dates on which these extractions took place are not shown. This absence of record is due to the fact that Dr. Bolesny kept no record of the exact dates on which he extracted the teeth, although it is noted that he extracted all of the teeth, thirty-one in number, from the mouth of Thomas.

Thomas furnished his address as 607 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when he first took treatment with Dr. Bolesny and then changed

his address to 3125 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Bolasny had no further address for Thomas. Agent was informed that Thomas appeared to have very little money when the above mentioned treatment was being furnished him and on several occasions Dr. Bolasny made request for money but received only two ten dollar payments on the work which was to be \$150.00. When pushed for money, Thomas informed Dr. Bolasny that he had very little money but expected to secure work in the near future and would pay him as he saved money from his wages; that if his wages did not cover this amount he could perhaps secure the remainder of the money from his mother. At no time, however, did Thomas indicate the name of his mother or where she lived. He gave Dr. Bolasny no information with regard to his past. Thomas on several occasions broke his appointments with Dr. Bolasny, first calling up and indicating that he was going out of town. When Dr. Bolasny was questioned closely on this point he indicated that he paid little attention to the places where Thomas was going but declared that they were always in the vicinity of Chicago, such as Berwyn and Chicago Heights. On one occasion Thomas advised that he was going to visit his mother-in-law in Gary, Indiana. It is observed that the mother of Thomas' wife does live in Gary, Indiana. Dr. Bolasny definitely stated that Thomas at no time mentioned going to Minneapolis or St. Paul or any other point in the vicinity of those two cities.

~~Mr. Kelley~~, member of the Mid-town Movers, 2556 North Clark, phone, Diversey 4900, informed that he and his wife have known Mrs. Thomas for the past five years and have been very closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas ever since their marriage in May, 1933. He advised that he knew that Thomas had been arrested as one of the kidnapers of Boettcher in Denver some time ago. He further informed agent that approximately a month ago Thomas spoke to him seriously about securing a position as a laborer with the Mid-town Movers and at that time he was informed by ~~Kelley~~ that he would be employed just as soon as an opening occurred.

~~Mr. Kelley~~ and his wife, Lucille, were interviewed together and both informed that they were with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas during practically every day of January, 1934. Mr. Kelley stated that Thomas used the Mid-town Movers address as a place to loaf, and that he, ~~Kelley~~, and his wife, ~~Lucille~~, either played cards at the Thomas' home every Saturday night or entertained the Thomases at their own home. The ~~Kelleys~~ declared that at no time during January, 1934, did Walter Thomas make any trip outside of Chicago, Illinois.

~~Kelley~~ stated that during the time he knew Walter Thomas the latter indicated that he was from Syracuse, New York, but he said no more

on this subject after Lucille Kelley had mentioned that she had visited Syracuse several times. It is to be noted also that the Kelleys are friendly with an unnamed person, who is a fireman on one of the railroads out of Chicago; that on one occasion this individual was in company with Walter Thomas and mentioned the fact that he was a fireman on a railroad but Walter Thomas made no mention of ever having been a fireman himself on a railroad in Canada. Mr. Kelley informed that Walter Thomas at no time intimated that he had been involved in the Bremer kidnaping with Verne Sankey and gave them to understand that he had secured his money through a will which his mother had left.

The Kelleys did inform that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas visited the father of Mrs. Thomas in Sioux Falls, South Dakota during September, 1933, and that in the early part of December, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas made a trip to Omaha, where they visited a relative of Mrs. Thomas. No other trips were known to have been made by either Mr. or Mrs. Thomas.

During agent's interview with the Kelleys, Mrs. Walter Thomas appeared in the office of the Mid-town Movers and she was questioned with regard to the trip to Sioux Falls and also to Omaha. She informed that in September, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited her father, C. O. Christopherson, at Corson, South Dakota, and it is understood that she visited with her children who are now living with Mrs. Grace Paul at 417 W. 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She further informed that in the early part of December, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited Mr. E. Hart, whose wife is Mrs. Kate Hart, 1200 Jackson Street, Otis Elevator Company, Omaha, Nebraska. It is understood that Mrs. Kate Hart is the aunt of Mrs. Walter Thomas' first husband, namely, Leonard Paul.

Mrs. Thomas informed agent that she had on February 5, 1934, received a telegram from her husband, Walter Thomas, advising that either she should come to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in order to arrange for his defense or that she should secure an attorney. No further information was obtainable with regard to whether or not he intended to defend his case.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.  
3 X Murder Case, Joseph Mozinski, Victim.

Specimens: letter addressed to "City Editor, N.Y. Evening Journal", beginning "My dear Mister Editor", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to N. Y. Evening Journal and postmarked June 14, 1930, letter begins "Ref: Mozinski Queens", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to Mrs. May and dated June 16, 1930, letter begins "Mrs. May Dear Madam --".

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: January 31, 1934.

Examination requested: Comparison with the "Mission Note received in the Bremer Case.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

February 2. The handwriting in the 3 X letters is not identical with that in the letter addressed from the Union Mission in the Bremer Case. The 3 X handwriting is of the same general style but is not identical with the handwriting of the victim, Edward G. Bremer.

A comparison was also made of the 3 X handwriting with the Lindbergh extortion letters. Some similarities were found, especially in regard to the foreign forms and deviations from the proper style of these forms which are European. There are, however, no particular idiosyncrasies of form or motion such as would indicate the probability that the writer of the 3 X letters wrote the Lindbergh extortion letters. Indeed, the general motion is dissimilar. Of course, it should be remembered that both the Lindbergh extortion letters and the 3 X letters show emphatic signs of disguise and the ability to write differently.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN APLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSLITRAL.

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St. Paul, Minnesota. *7-576-183*  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HANKE:

RE: DAKOTA SUSPECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Agent Fortenberry informed me today that MR. ADOLPH BREMER, brought in MR. CONWAY, who operates a grocery store at White Bear Lake, to his home; that MR. BREMER wanted him to listen to the story of MR. CONWAY.

MR. CONWAY related that he had overheard a conversation yesterday (February 4) which made him believe that perhaps it had some connection with the BREMER kidnaping. MR. FORTENBERRY stated he was unable to get any specific details from MR. CONWAY other than that he advised that there is a big gangster hideout which is located at Big Thunder Lake northeast of Brainerd, Minnesota; that the closest town to this hideout is Remer and that he thought that perhaps it would be well to investigate this place. MR. ADOLPH BREMER also spoke to Agent Fortenberry concerning the occasion over a year ago when ED BREMER was "stuck up" in his garage and had taken from him some very valuable diamonds. MR. BREMER told Agent Fortenberry that DANNY HOGAN talked to him about the theft of these diamonds and informed him that had he (HOGAN) known of the theft of these diamonds sooner, he could have obtained possession of them for MR. BREMER, indicating that he undoubtedly knew who the guilty persons were.

MR. BREMER further advised that it is his understanding that HOGAN'S widow has a place which is located at or near Big Thunder Lake, Minnesota.

Agent Fortenberry also stated that MR. GODDROY, personal friend of ADOLPH BREMER, who is in St. Paul at the present time in connection with the BREMER kidnaping, informed him that there had already been a misup on the payoff and that he laid it to the failure of carrying out of plans by WALTER MAGEE and MR. NEWCOME of the brewery and indicated that these men had tried to make a bargain with the kidnapers to settle for a smaller amount.

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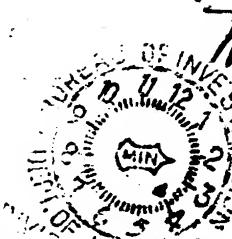
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANKE.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.  
EDWARD D. BREWER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

On February 5, 1934, a person who declined to give his name telephoned me and stated that there were some shady characters living in a frame bungalow house on the right-hand side of 36th Avenue South between 52nd and 53rd Streets in Minneapolis. This person stated that the house could readily be identified as all the blinds were down in the house. He stated that the only occupant seen was a man who did not go outside until very late at night to get his newspaper, which seemed to be delivered at the house.

About two days ago a car stopped there and one of the men in the car went to the house and was refused admittance by the occupant. The informant thought this might have some bearing on the BREWER case.

Special Agent Dodd and myself proceeded to the vicinity in question, identified the house from the description given and noted that same is 5216 Thirty-Sixth Avenue South. We could not gain admittance to the house so we interviewed the next-door neighbor, MRS. STAVIS, who informed us that she had resided in that block for the past ten years and knows everyone living there; that there had been no persons recently moving into any of the houses and that her neighbors at 5216 were MR. AND MRS. ALVIN LEIN. She advised that MRS. LEIN has left the city for an extended trip and that MR. LEIN is home alone; further, that he returns home sometime after dinner in the evening. Apparently, there is nothing to this rumor.

Very truly yours,

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S. A. G. HANKE, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER NAMEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

St. Paul file 7-30.

Sheriff MOELLER, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned the office on the morning of February 3, 1934, advising that he was holding three men in connection with the BREMER kidnaping case.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, Special Agent INVESTIGATION Sheriff's office, and the Sheriff produced an advertising card of the Pearl Inn, Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the reverse side of which was printed the following:

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Please leave Bremer money in mail box at Rice Street and County Road B. No monkey work.

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Sheriff MOELLER explained that the proprietor of the Pearl Inn telephoned the Sheriff's office advising that three men were in his inn acting suspiciously and that when they left they dropped the card above described on the counter; that two of his officers, RICHARDSON and WERNER, were sent to the scene and arrested the three men who had left the inn and had driven some distance away on Rice Street but turned back and were passing the inn again when taken into custody.

ALVIN LINDOREN, when questioned with reference to the card, advised that it was he who wrote the same. He stated that he, together with WALTER LAUDER and ELWOOD BRAUER, went to the Pearl Inn at about 2:30 a.m. on the morning of February 3, 1934, and had a few beers and were feeling "rather good"; that he thought it would be more or less of a joke to leave the card on the counter; that at the time he did so, he did not realize the seriousness of it. He further stated that both he and the other two young men are employed in the Shipping Department of Sears Roebuck, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have been so employed for several years. This was verified by agent through contacting MR. M. E. DAVIDSON, Shipping Department, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis, who stated that the young men are all employed in the Shipping Department at Sears & Roebuck and are considered entirely trustworthy. He expressed the opinion that the boys must have been under the influence of liquor when they wrote the note or else they would not have done such a thing.

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The Sheriff's office has arranged to have these men photographed and fingerprinted, copies of which will be forwarded to the Division at Washington.

The card was not turned over to the writer by Sheriff MOELLER, but MR. MOELLER explained that he would turn the same over at a later date. The writer is inclined to believe that the story given by LINNEMAN is correct and that the writing of the card containing instructions with reference to the payment of the BREWER ransom money was the result of his being intoxicated.

Descriptions are as follows:

Name - ALVIN LINNEMAN  
Address - [REDACTED] Arden Beach.  
Age - [REDACTED] years  
Born - at Webster, Minnesota  
Height - 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
Weight - 185 pounds  
Eyes - Brown  
Hair - Brown

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Name - WALTER LAUCH  
Address - 3231 Elliott Avenue South, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota  
Age - 30 years  
Born at West Allis, Wisconsin,  
Height - 5 feet  
Weight - 165 pounds  
Hair - Light brown and wavy  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Medium fair  
Tattoo - Initials W.A.L. right forearm  
Teeth - Gold fillings in upper front teeth  
Marital status - Single  
Occupation - Head packer, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Relatives

Nationality - German  
Criminal record - None

Name - ELWOOD BRAUER  
Address - 3917 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Age - 30 years  
Born at Tebbets, Missouri  
Height - 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight - 169 pounds  
Hair - Light brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Fair  
Tattoo - Left arm, robin with word "Mother"; mole  
on right side of nose.  
Occupation - Instructor, Shipping Department, Sears  
& Roebuck, Minneapolis  
Nationality - German  
Criminal record - None.

Very truly yours,

R. L. NALLS,  
Special Agent.

RLN:HVS  
3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 5, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of memorandums on  
the BREMER and LINDBERGH Kidnaping cases, which memorandums were  
written upon investigation conducted by Agents of the St. Paul  
office.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HANNI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREWER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

HERB PARADEAU, Captain of Detectives, Minneapolis Police Department, furnished me with the following:

A card of the Carlton Detective Bureau, Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A card of the Sturr-Gilfillan Co., Ford dealers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on which is written in pencil:

"Mr. Carlson:

"I have information that may help release Ed Brewer. If unforeseen things don't come up he'll soon be home. He's alive yet.

"If you want this information, call me by long distance telephone, White Rock, S. Dak. Send money so I can come. The sooner the better.

GERT, BOHDE

P.S. You have my application there, I must talk to you. In calling, don't mention your agency. Your name & address is alright. I'll understand."

A self-addressed, but not stamped, envelope, G. Bohde, General Delivery, Wheaton, Minnesota.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the application submitted by this woman with the Carlton Detective Bureau along with a postscript to the application.

HERB PARADEAU informed me that the above was given to him by MR. CARLTON of the Carlton Agency for whatever value it may be to this Division.

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A telegram as follows was sent to MRS. GERTIE MARIE BREMER,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Carlton, White Rock,  
White Rock, South Dakota.

NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY COLLECT UNDER CONFIDENTIAL COVER FULL  
DETAILS REGARDING INFORMATION CONCERNING WHICH YOU COMMUNICATED  
WITH CARLTON.

Hannan  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

On February 3, HERB PARADEAU gave me a letter addressed to MR.  
CARLTON by G. R., as follows:

White Rock, S. Dak.  
Feb. 2, 1934.

Mr. Carlton:

Dear Sir:

Rec'd your telegram and want to answer it. I will tell you  
what I seen and heard. Saw a large black sedan come into  
Wheaton befor yesterday, two men in the car, window was part way  
down on drivers side, car come from south, turned on Main Street  
going east, strong storm coming from north. It was going west.  
has passed ahead of them as they slowed up and I heard one man  
say, "D--- if they don't have all cash it'll be just to bad for  
Bremer."

More was said but I couldn't get it two other cars came and  
passed so I could not get license number. Car was dusty and dirty  
too. They turned next block going south, did not see them any more.

Further I donot know. Now this may mean a lot and it may mean  
nothing to you. I wonder perhaps it would be a good idea to give  
them all cash at that, if it isen't already that way now, it may  
mean his safe release. This is just a hunch you know.

Yours truly

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In view of the contents of this letter, no more investigation is  
being conducted. All letters and cards are being returned to the Police  
Department at Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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February 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sirs:

It is noted that a number of the letters received by Mr. Bremer and Mr. Mages in the Edward G. Bremer case constitute a violation of the Extortion Act.

It is requested that, upon the receipt of letters which constitute a violation of this Act, they be placed in celluloid containers and forwarded to the Division immediately and separate cases made of each looking towards prosecution.

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a letter, dated at Salem, Minnesota, January 22, 1934, addressed to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, undated letter postmarked at Minneapolis January 22, 1934, addressed to Walter E. Mages, 1295 Lincoln Ave. St. Paul, Minn., undated letter addressed to E. Mages, 118 - W - Central, St. Paul, Minn., postmarked January 20, 1934, letter dated January 19, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bremer, postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, January 19, 1934, undated post card addressed to the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, postmarked at Brooklyn, New York, January 23, 1934, and letters postmarked at Minneapolis January 20, 23, and 24, 1934, addressed to 855 W. 7th Street, Adolph Bremer and A. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, respectively, on Y. M. C. A. stationery at Minneapolis.

It is requested that separate files be made of these letters and investigation conducted concerning the same, looking towards prosecution under the Federal Extortion Act. Should there be any doubt as to whether these letters constitute a violation of said Act, the matter should be discussed with the United States Attorney for a decision.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover RECORDED

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February 8, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been safely returned to his family. On the night of February 6, 1934, the ransom money of \$200,000 was paid by Mr. Hayes, a friend of the Bremer family, to the kidnappers, in or near St. Paul. Mr. Edward G. Bremer was released last night at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned to St. Paul by train and bus. Mr. Bremer's condition at the present time is such that we have been unable to obtain any very definite details from him except the information that he was blindfolded during the entire time he was in the hands of the kidnappers; that at the time he was kidnapped the kidnappers travelled practically all day in an automobile until about three hours after dark; and that returning the same amount of time was spent. The best information so far is that he was conveyed in a small sedan containing three men. Agents of the Division are now engaged in conducting a thorough interrogation of Mr. Bremer and other members of the family in order to take vigorous steps toward bringing about the apprehension of the kidnappers.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director,

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February 8, 1934.

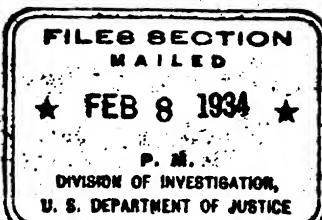
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

For your information, I am  
attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum  
which I have just directed to the  
Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

Incl.



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February 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been safely returned to his family. On the night of February 6, 1934, the ransom money of \$200,000 was paid by Mr. Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, to the kidnapers, in or near St. Paul. Mr. Edward G. Bremer was released last night at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned to St. Paul by train and bus. Mr. Bremer's condition at the present time is such that we have been unable to obtain any very definite details from him except the information that he was blindfolded during the entire time he was in the hands of the kidnapers; that at the time he was kidnapped the kidnapers travelled practically all day in an automobile until about three hours after dark; and that returning the same amount of time was spent. The best information so far is that he was conveyed in a small sedan containing three men. Agents of the Division are now engaged in conducting a thorough interrogation of Mr. Bremer and other members of the family in order to take vigorous steps toward bringing about the apprehension of the kidnapers.

Respectfully,

Director.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 5 photographs of a "Road Chart" showing typed plans for  
a getaway after a crime.

Examination requested by: Mr. Coffey

Date received: January 30, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriter comparison.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 1. An examination was made of the photographs of the road chart and some similarities with the extortion letters were found. These specimens are photographs taken for the purpose of showing latent fingerprints developed with powders. They are blurred and an adequate comparison may not be made. Originals have been requested from the Michigan State Police.

A review was made to ascertain if the typewriter of Ernest Rossi could have written the Bremer notes. Specimens of this typewriter were previously examined in the Hamm Kidnaping Case, but as there is no number one on this typewriter it could not have written the letters in the Bremer Case.

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P.O.Box 615, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please secure and send me at the earliest  
practicable moment a list of the subjects, or suspects, in the  
so-called "Denver Mint Robbery" case?

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

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February 7, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above entitled matter, there are enclosed herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received by the BREMER family. Copies of these letters have been made and are being retained in the St. Paul Division Office file.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

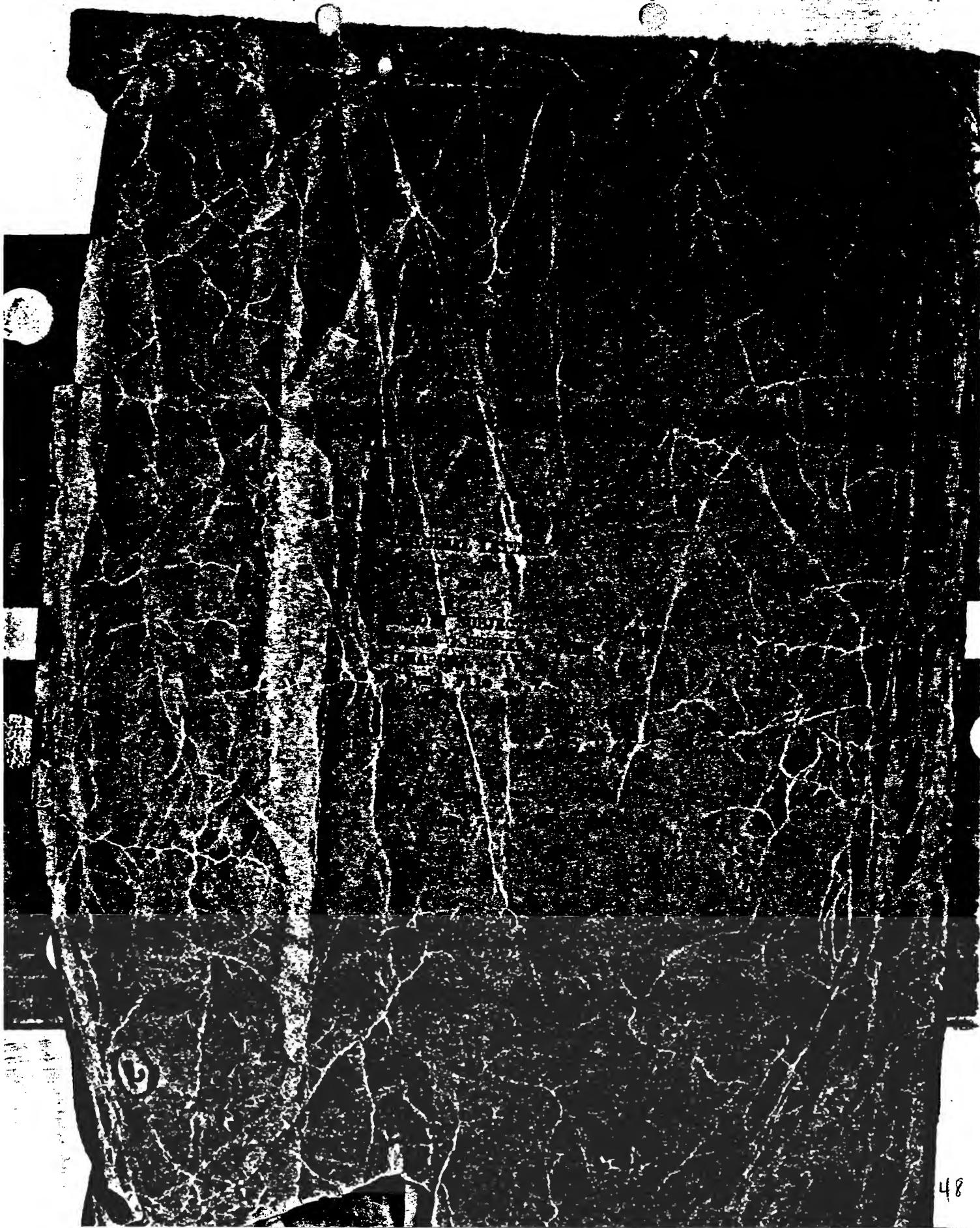
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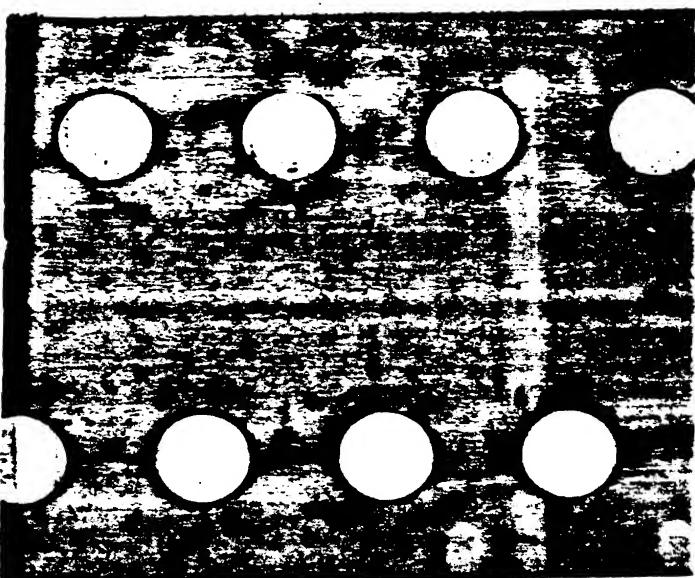
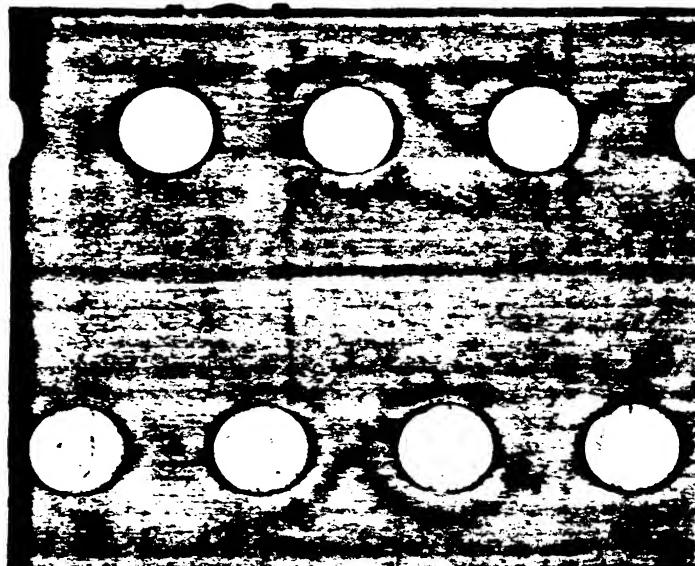
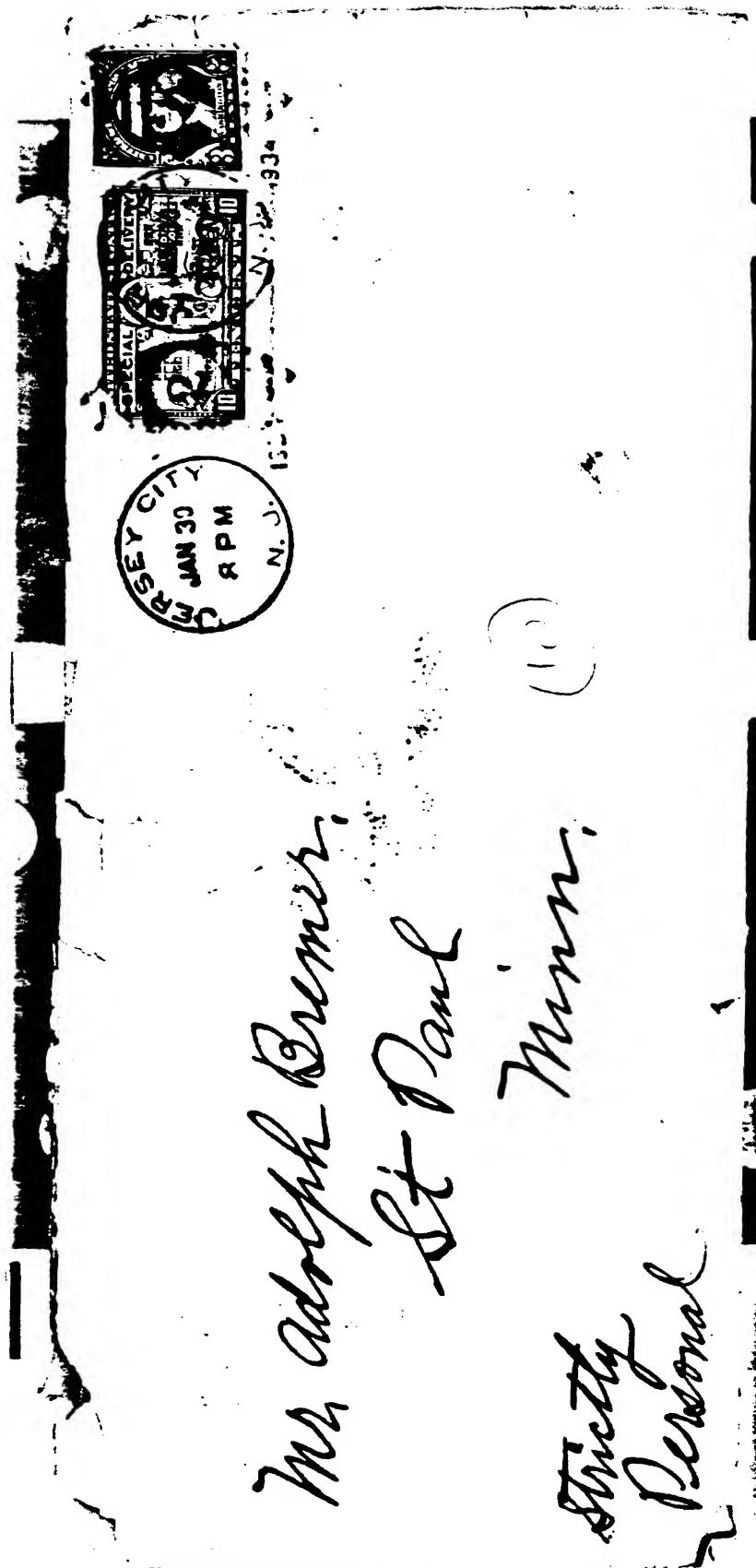
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Mr. Adolph Bremer, Laundry 30-1  
St Paul Minn,

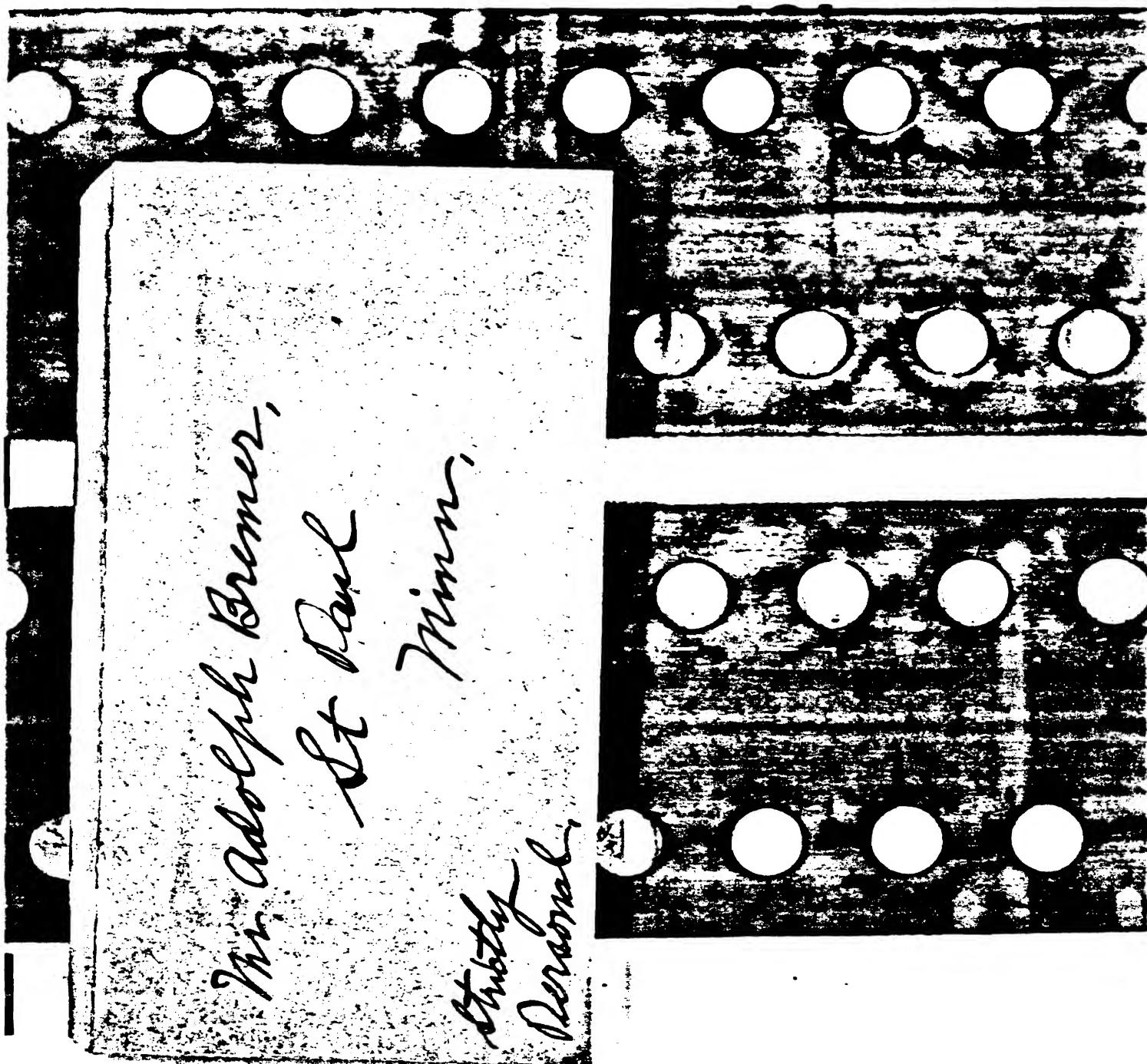
Dear Sir!

I have read considerable of y.  
trouble and of course sympathize  
with you and suggest the only  
way I think out of it,  
I am a Roman Catholic of Irish  
descent, and have received my favor  
through Prayer, especially by  
Novenas to St Anthony, St. Jo.  
St Anne, St Jude, St Expedi.  
I would advise you to give  
two poor old ladies few  
dollars each for food or even  
one to be Irish and one German  
and a dollar each to light 11  
candles each in front of some  
Shrine, Saint's Shrine, of course  
in some Catholic Church in y.  
case I prefer St Anthony's.  
that you will find your son  
once alive & well and to be  
returned to you. now please do  
not tell only your family a  
nearest friends. I am not狂  
or a religious fanatic only  
plain working man was in  
business, and got trummed a  
lost 6 of my family including  
wife. That's nothing left - but a  
you to

loan me few dollars for three  
months as I have been sick  
and out of work. I am in hurry  
writing this letter. Clerk writing  
Please answer me, Grandma  
very truly yours.

Michael P. O'Connor





New York N.Y.  
Jan 27/38

Mr. Bremer -

Dear Sir, just by chance

Three fellow whom I know was in  
the Night Club where I work on the  
27th night of this month, I think I can  
put the inside steps on your case.

I have heard traces of your son. If you  
are interested send me at once three \$100.00 Bill  
I will give them a deal party as soon as  
I receive the money. at very apt, and  
will have them tried. They say your son  
is not dead. please do not advertise my name  
They will see it and put me away.

Thanking you in advance

yours truly

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77.Y.C.

P.S. - you will have to  
attend to this at once.

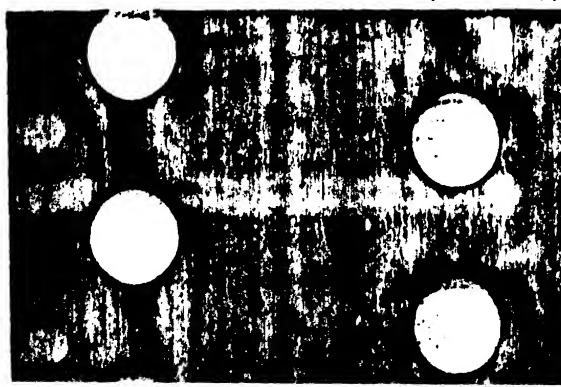
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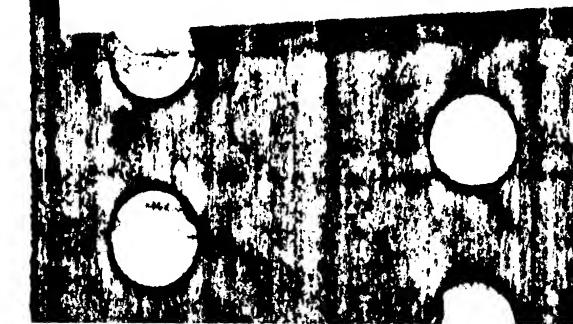
NEW YORK, N. Y.

send y<sup>r</sup> special delivery. I am  
not at home all day.

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WE-WILL-BE-WAITING, NEAR-  
HULES, <sup>Y. WIS.</sup> COVER-A-RIGHT  
HEAD-L, GHT WITH-BLAC.  
K-BLOTH, TO-TELL-YOU-  
By ED, 15. FALLING-  
FINE, RAINING-MONEY-  
YOU, WE-WILL-NOT-  
SOMEDAY-SAT-MORNING



2  
FOUR-MAN-WILL-BE-FOLLOWED  
OUT-OF-THE-TWIN-CITIES. B  
OUR-MAN-COME-IN-NEWFO  
COUP-1933-MODEL. D.  
LET-FED-MEN-IN-ON  
This-LETTER-WE-H  
ED, 50, TO-DO-IV.  
YOU-BEFORE-WE-TAKE



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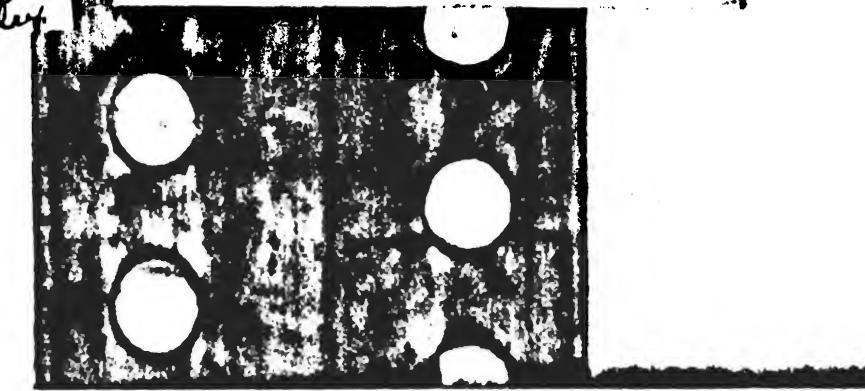
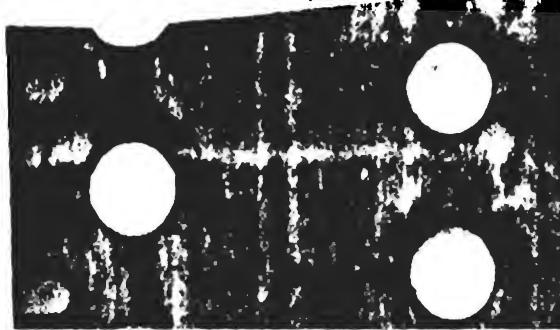
ANY-CHANCE-BE-WARE-

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PONT - FORGET MELLON  
GATTU - N

GO-T'L-L-YOU-ARE-STOP.  
DON'T FORGET. (FEB. -3-) PRIVATE SLOW  
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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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Sloane Iowa  
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Mr. Brewster

Please except these few lines of sympathy  
I felt so sorrow for  
you when I read of  
the kidnapping of  
your son. And that  
kind aged Father  
was working over him  
I prayed to God that  
he would bring back  
your son to you and  
this family unharmed  
I hope God will answer  
my prayer

Wm. J. Gandy  
FBI  
Information of Jerry Wm.



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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

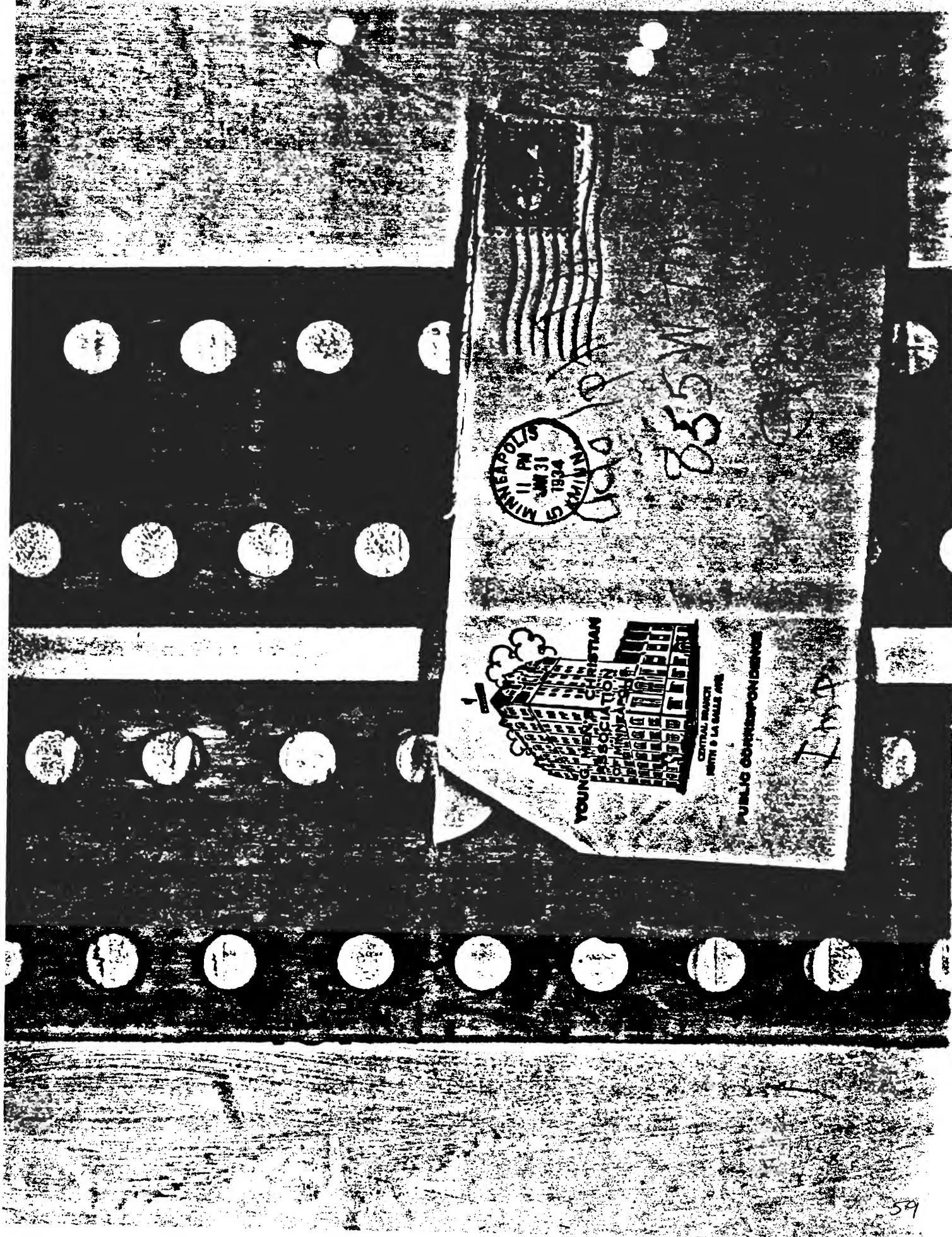
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CENTRAL BRANCH

NINTH & LASALLE

1000 young men  
1000 young women  
1000 young children  
between 2100 and 2200  
Better do this  
Ind forest of minn  
May wants to clean  
Bette J. K. is young woman  
Ed Jack W. and foot



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FORT WAYNE, IND.  
JAN. 31-1934--P.M.

DEAR. BREMER.

WE. ARE GIVING. YOU. YOUR. LAST  
CHANCE. PAY. US. THE. MONEY.  
OR. YOURS. SON. GOING. TO. DIE.  
SO. IF. YOU. WISH. TO. MAKE. CONTACT.  
WITH. US. ~~WE~~. MET. US. AT. CORNER.  
GALHORN. AND. LEWIS. STREET.  
IN. FORT. WAYNE. IND.  
FEB-10-1934--AT. 6 P.M.  
DRIVE. YOUR. CAR. BE. SEATED.  
IN. YOUR. CAR.  
YOUR. SON. IS. ALIVE.  
SO. HAVE. YOUR. MONEY. READY.  
NO. POLICE. PROTECTION. REMEMBER.  
OR. ELSE. YOUR. SON. WILL. DIE.  
YOURS. NOTORIOUS. LEADER.

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PORT WAYNE, IN.

1-25-34

Mr Adolphus Bresser

Dear Sir

I am sending you a list  
of what I claim I can do with  
my invention

If you should except me on  
the case please don't let the  
press know it for you know  
I would be put out. I will  
come for my expenses there  
and back and just enough to  
report my family while you  
a bout \$2.00 per day.  
note I wrote out this list of  
my work to send to president  
Hoover to see if he would  
have my work investigated  
to make my affairs plain if any  
broke or things would be different

Yours very truly

*George Miller*  
*77th Avenue*

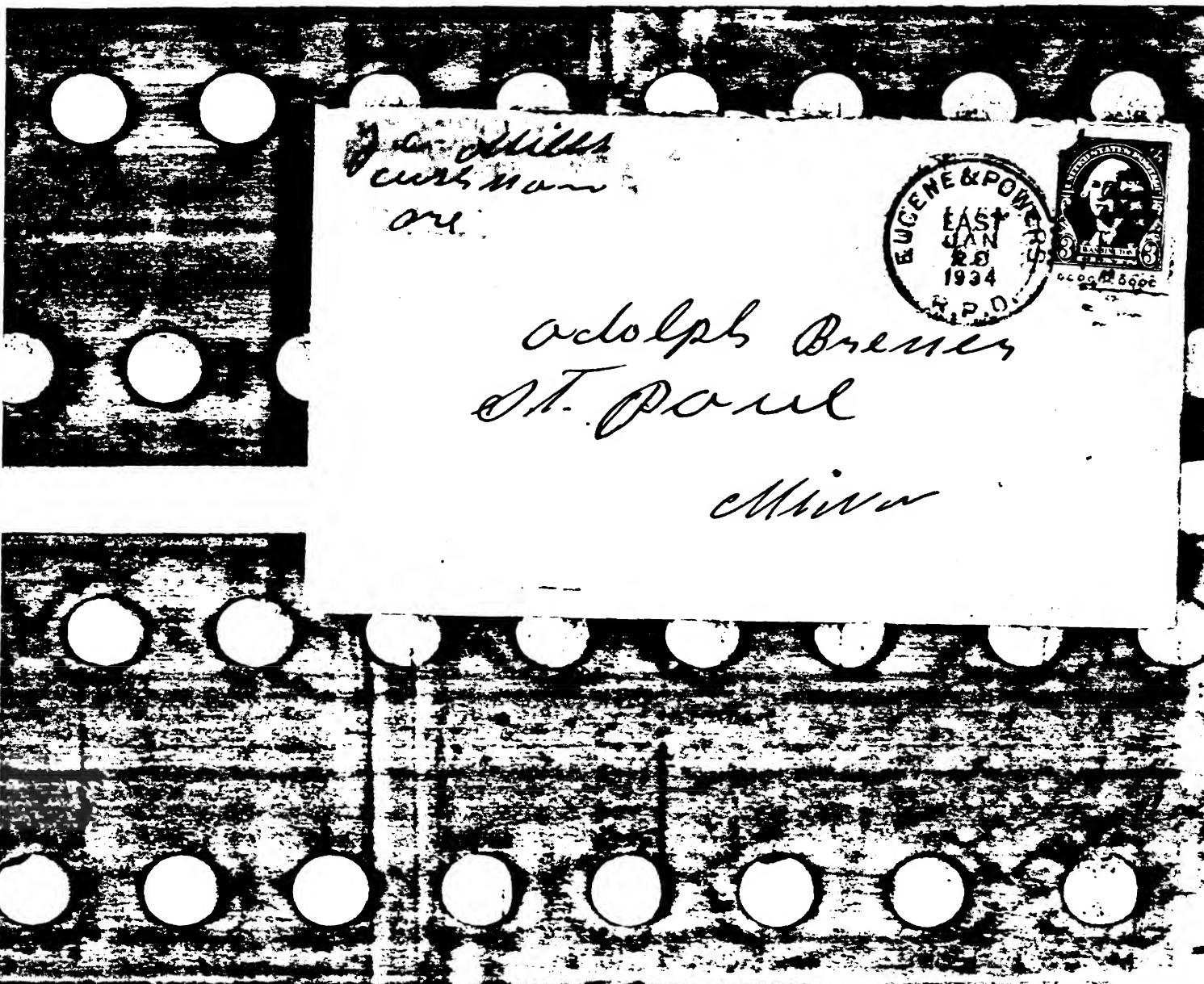
*Boiler*

You may hand or send list  
to the president.

This is what I claim of  
my instrument

1. Where any one is kidnapped  
I can take any part of this  
clothing go straight to them
2. where there is murder  
I can take a part of the  
wound & Blood soaked  
clothes go straight to the  
and will commit the act
3. any one don't can take  
any part of this clothes  
go to where lost as  
soon
4. can take a letter written  
for attorney go straight  
to the writer  
all so I can do late of  
other things with it  
my instrument is a  
magical application  
of the human emotions  
which we all know as  
should do the human  
Body is the soul  
principles as conductric

By word The heart is the  
incarnate body. The body is  
surcharged with corruption.  
In a spirit of torment  
is heaved forward the Christian  
conscious that with affliction  
and body with a mother  
it is very simple,  
and amidst the separation  
of spirit delayed times  
of carnal ignorance and mort  
Blest they these who by  
the inward and in every part  
I am seeking to be converted -  
and I have written several  
things. They were answers  
of mine they will think  
I am writing. They will  
think I am a sinner. I am not.  
all of all great sinners. But  
indeed they are inclined to  
a point. This is important  
whether a child could  
well stand it.



January 30, 1934.

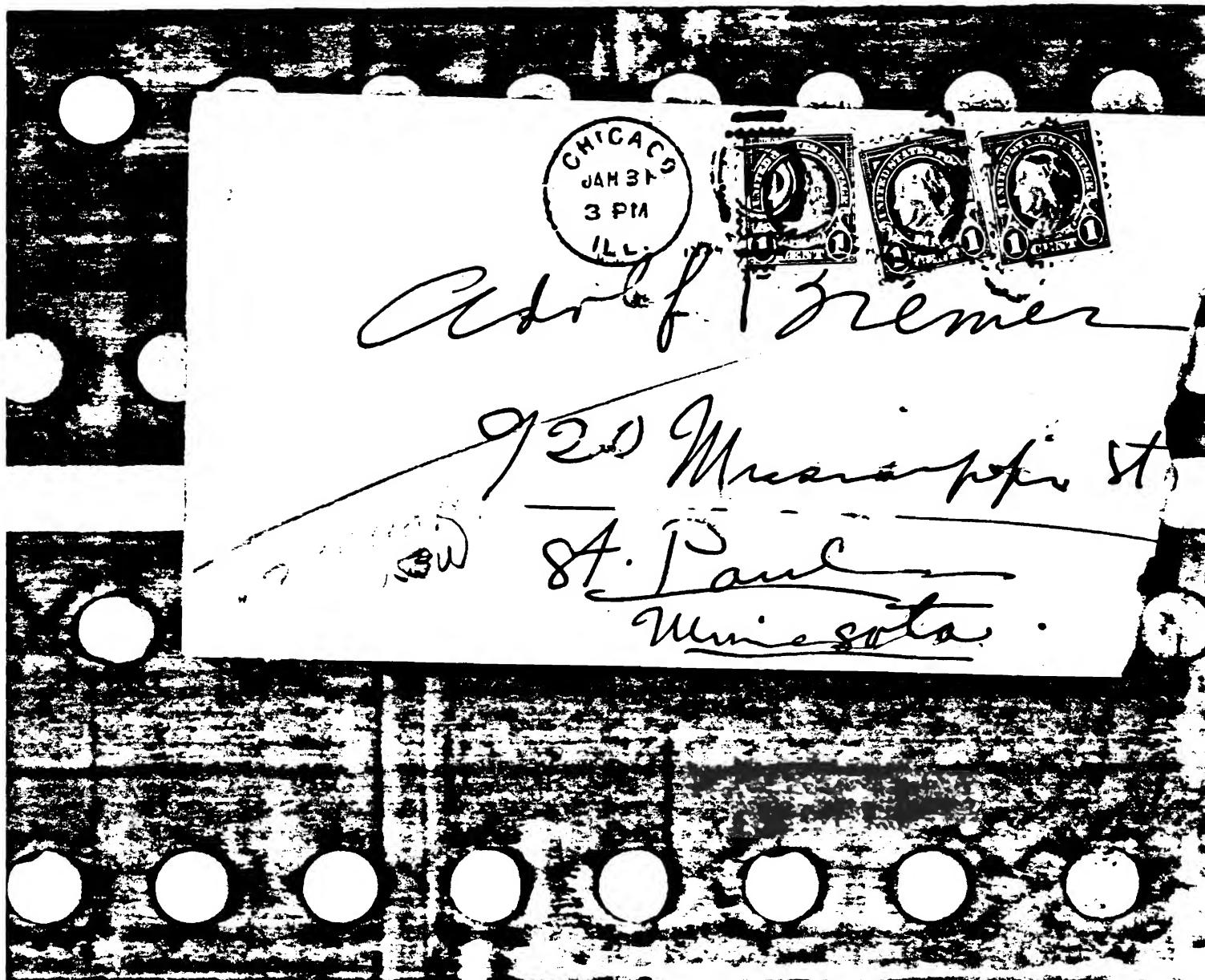
To the Occupant of Residence  
at 920 Mississippi St.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Am writing to tell you  
that I sincerely believe I saw  
Edward G. Bremer. Some  
young gentleman was placed in  
a seat at the Granada Motion  
Picture Theatre at Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, Illinois. This young man  
was seen partly drugged. He had  
no hat or coat <sup>on</sup>. He seemed to be a  
prisoner of 3 men all dressed in black & cap  
one with a grey hat. A short dark awful looking  
man puffing a cigar helped him to a  
seat. The young man whined made a  
sign to me. I felt I would endanger

him if I satisfied anyone  
in Chicago - so I did not  
stay for only the feature pictures  
I am writing to you this

young man more a  
brand new grey suit -  
I thought he slightly  
resembled Bing Crosby.  
I cannot sign my  
real name as I would  
only endanger my  
helping you.

Sincerely &  
Prayeffably  
Stargan.



100 Rue St. Jacques

Montreal 29 Janvier 1934

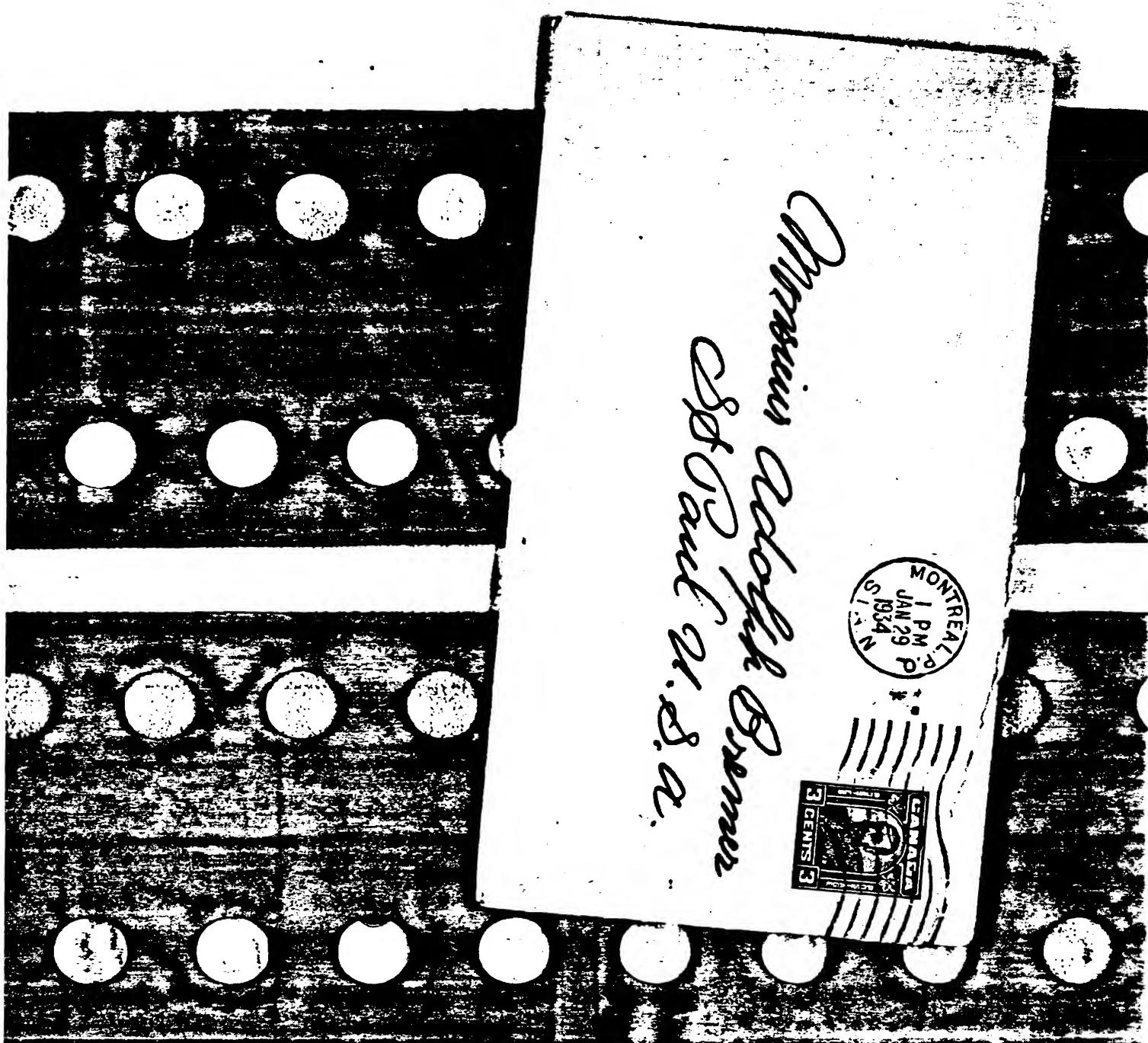
Mr adolph Bremer  
50 Park St. S.A

Monsieur

Je desire vous dire que  
je crois que je suis capable de  
retrouver votre fils au moyen de  
procédés hypnotiques

Si vous voulez m'envoyer le prix  
de mon passage aller et retour  
par chemin de fer je me rendrai  
chez vous



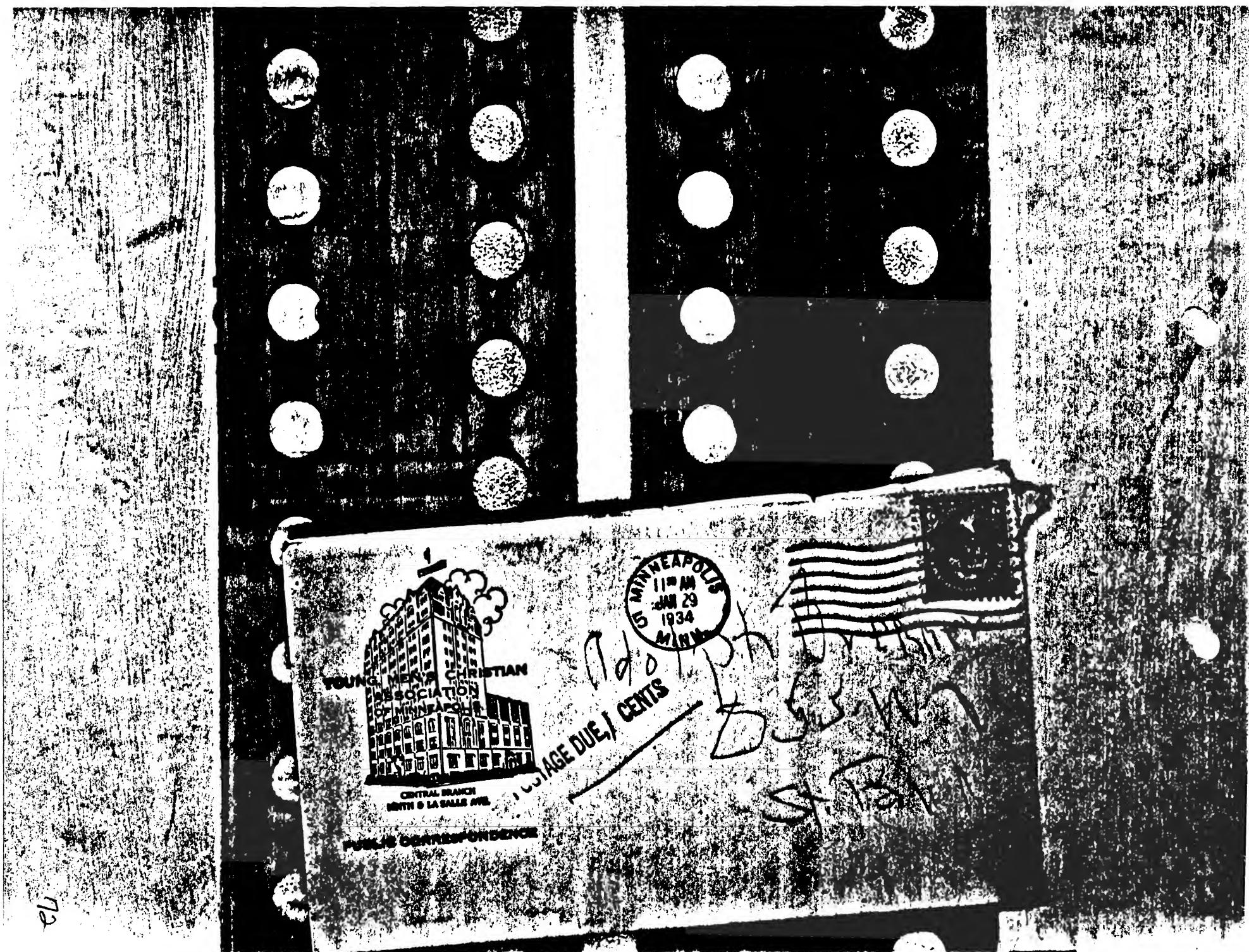


THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF MINNEAPOLIS

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL BRANCH  
NINTH & LASALLE

DEAR MR. H. M. REED,  
BOSTON,  
SONGS FOR  
do this today, GENEVA  
TUFF BOY 345



[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, Calif.

January 30, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer  
Parents of Edward G. Bremer  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir and Madam:

If your son has not yet been returned by this date  
there is one channel I feel would lead to something worth  
while. Will be glad to give you this information either at  
my home or yours. No charge except expense.

Can refer you to the Chamber of Commerce in my  
home city for reference.

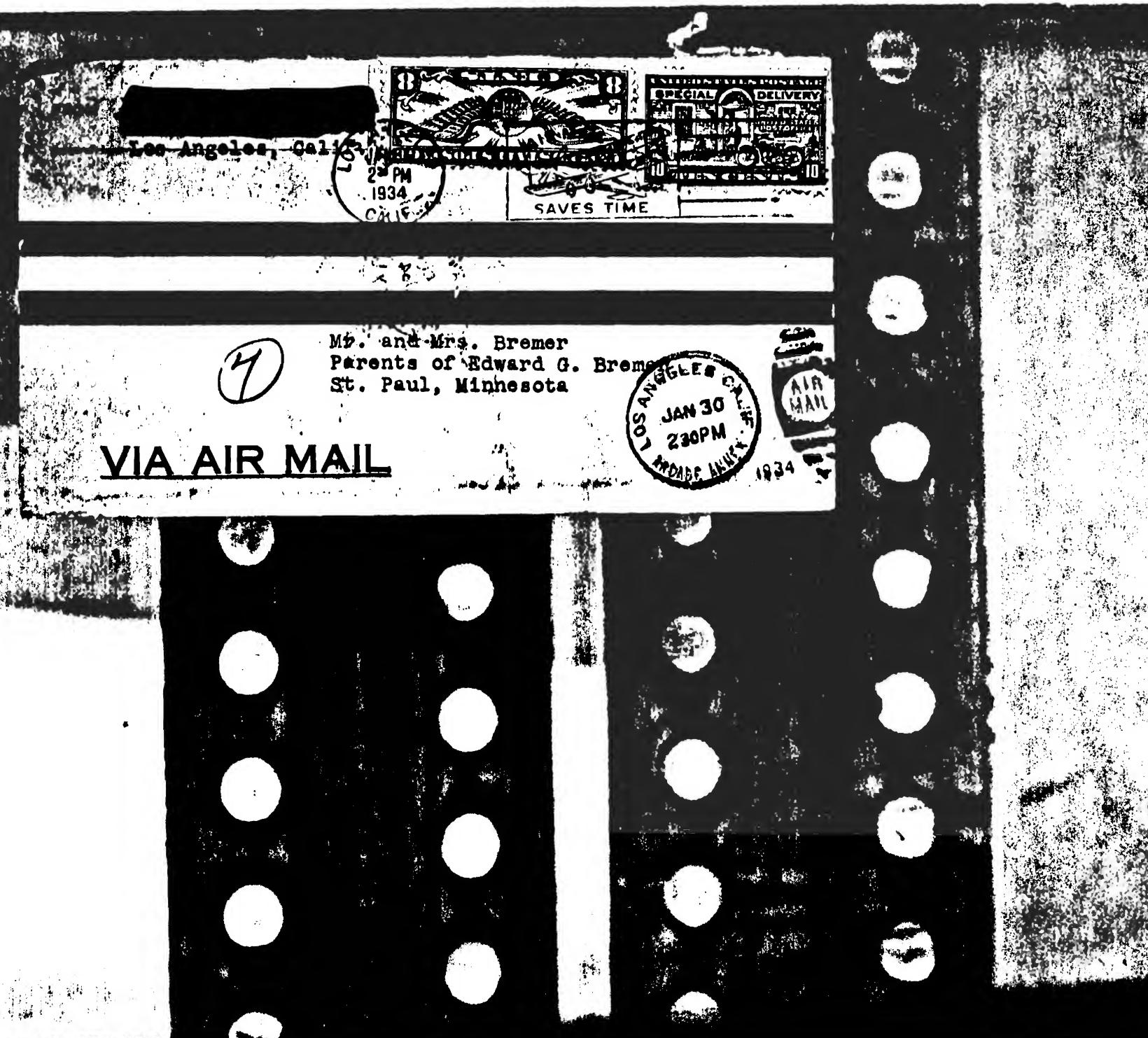
Had a brother taken many years ago under the same  
conditions.

Professionally I am a nurse. Please hold my identity  
under cover, even if you do or do not consider the suggestion.

Phone [REDACTED] You may call me at any time, day  
or night.

Yours respectfully,

73



Mr Adolph Brown

Dear Sir

I want to  
how write and tell you are very much I sympathize  
with you God only knows the aching of your  
heart but I put myself in your place and  
I realize the agony you are going through  
but pray and put your trust in God no  
harm can come to your son where God  
is God guards his children where ever  
they are and I pray for him every day and  
know that God will bring him home  
safe,

I have been thinking of a plan that I think  
will make kidnapping safe at least when you  
are in your car

Here is my plan  
to any one who can afford a car like this I  
have in mind

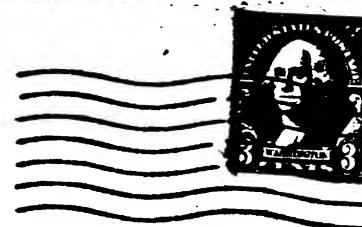
have the car Equipped with bullet proof glass  
self locking door so when you are inside

Your car no one can enter unless you open  
for them. And then how your car greeted with  
a siren that can be heard for many blocks  
one that can be seal released immediately  
with your foot or hand and will be screaming  
until you shut it off this way any one will be  
perfectly safe inside your car until some <sup>one</sup> comes  
and who ever is trying to do you harm will  
not hang around long with that  
siren screaming. Also the siren should have  
a different sound than a fire engine

I hope you don't think me craft  
for suggesting a thing like this  
a very sympathetic friend

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Mr Adolph Bremer  
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St Paul min

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Mr Edolph Bruner  
St Paul, Minn.

Jan - 30 - 1934.

Dear Sir:

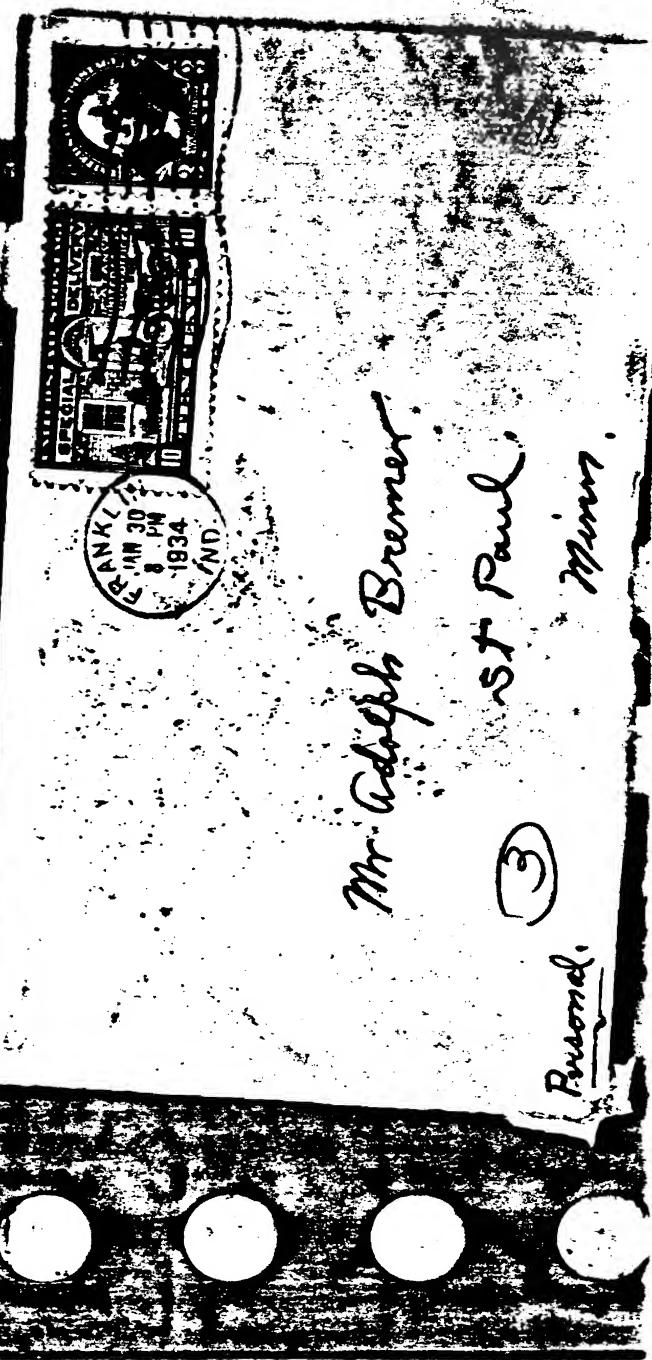
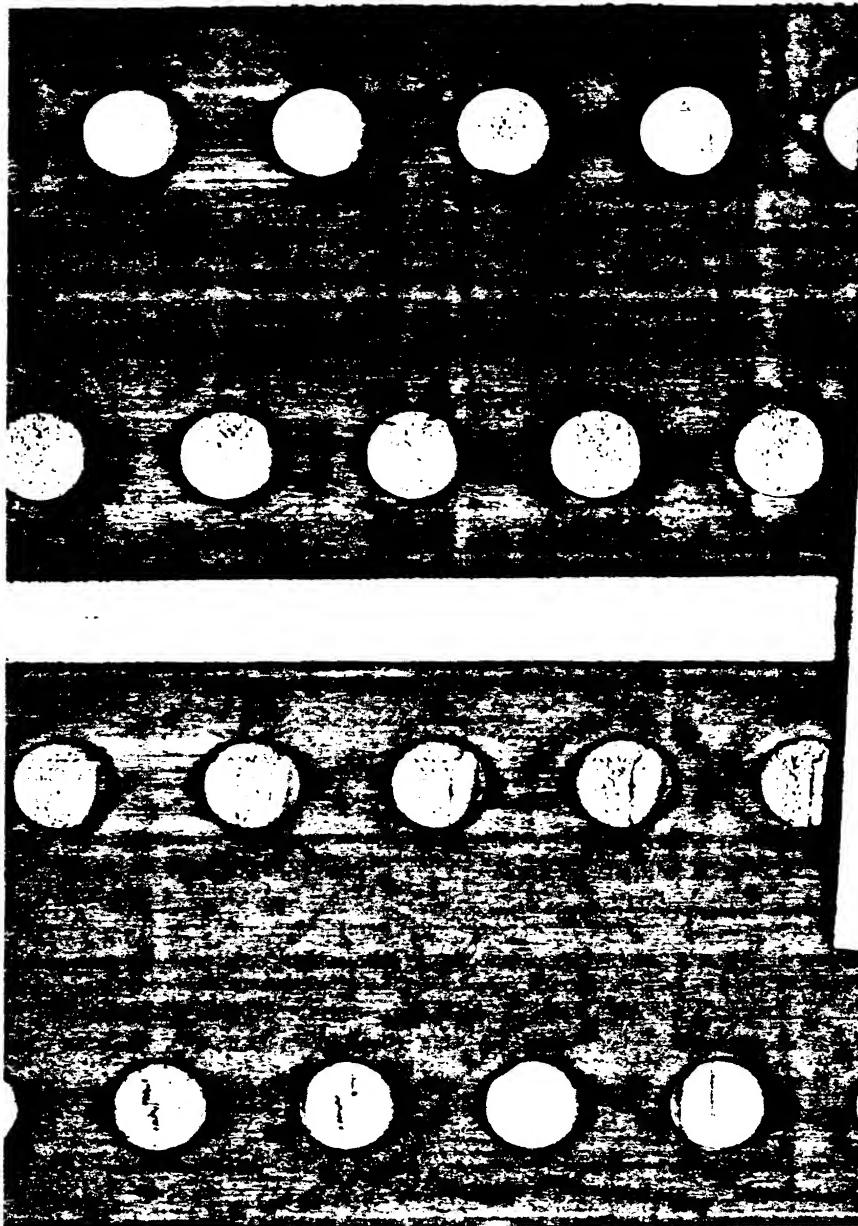
I have been reading in the papers, about the Kidnapping of your Son. My sympathy goes out to you and I hope he is returned to you safe, and those Kidnappers will be punished. I know it must be a terrible strain, I have hesitated about writing you, for I know you can't have faith in what I am going to tell you, as you never heard of it being done; but I am going to tell you, and you can act on my suggestion or not, I have a friend who, is able to trace, and find people, providing he has something they have worn, like hat, shoe, coat, collar, something that has been worn next to the body. They that gives him something to work on, from his examination of one of these things, he is able to tell right away

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if the person that wore this article is dead or alive. If dead  
he can tell you nothing else. but if alive he can tell  
direction and distance to the person, thru the systems he  
has worked out thru science and the laws of nature. he is  
a Geologist, and he, and I are good friends, he has proven  
to me that his systems works, so that is the reason I  
am writing to you, as I am the only one that has  
tried him out. you send something that your son has  
worn next to his body, like an old hat band, shoe and  
I will have him work on it, and let you know his  
findings, we want to see if we can help you out.  
thru this method. If we can prove up several cases, we  
might get the systems used, to trace lost persons, and  
catch Kidnappers. Please let me hear from you at once.

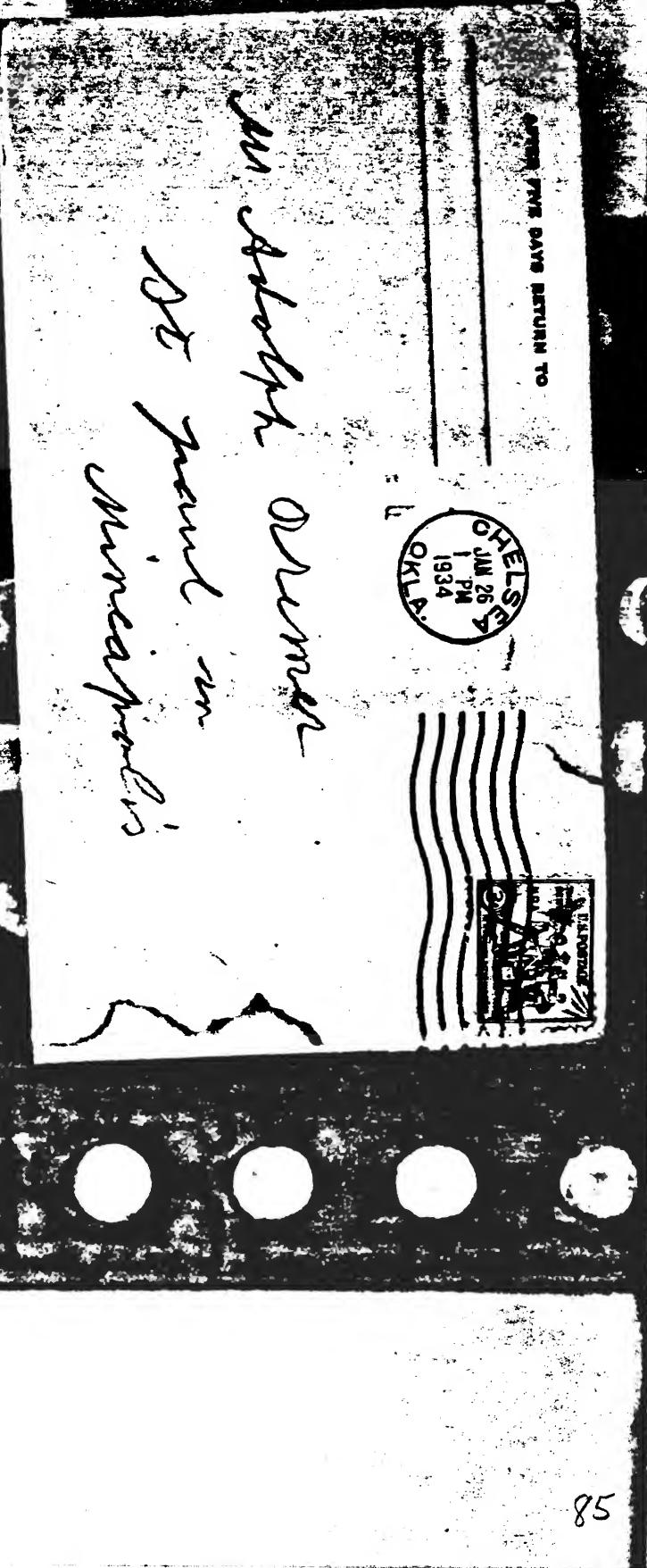
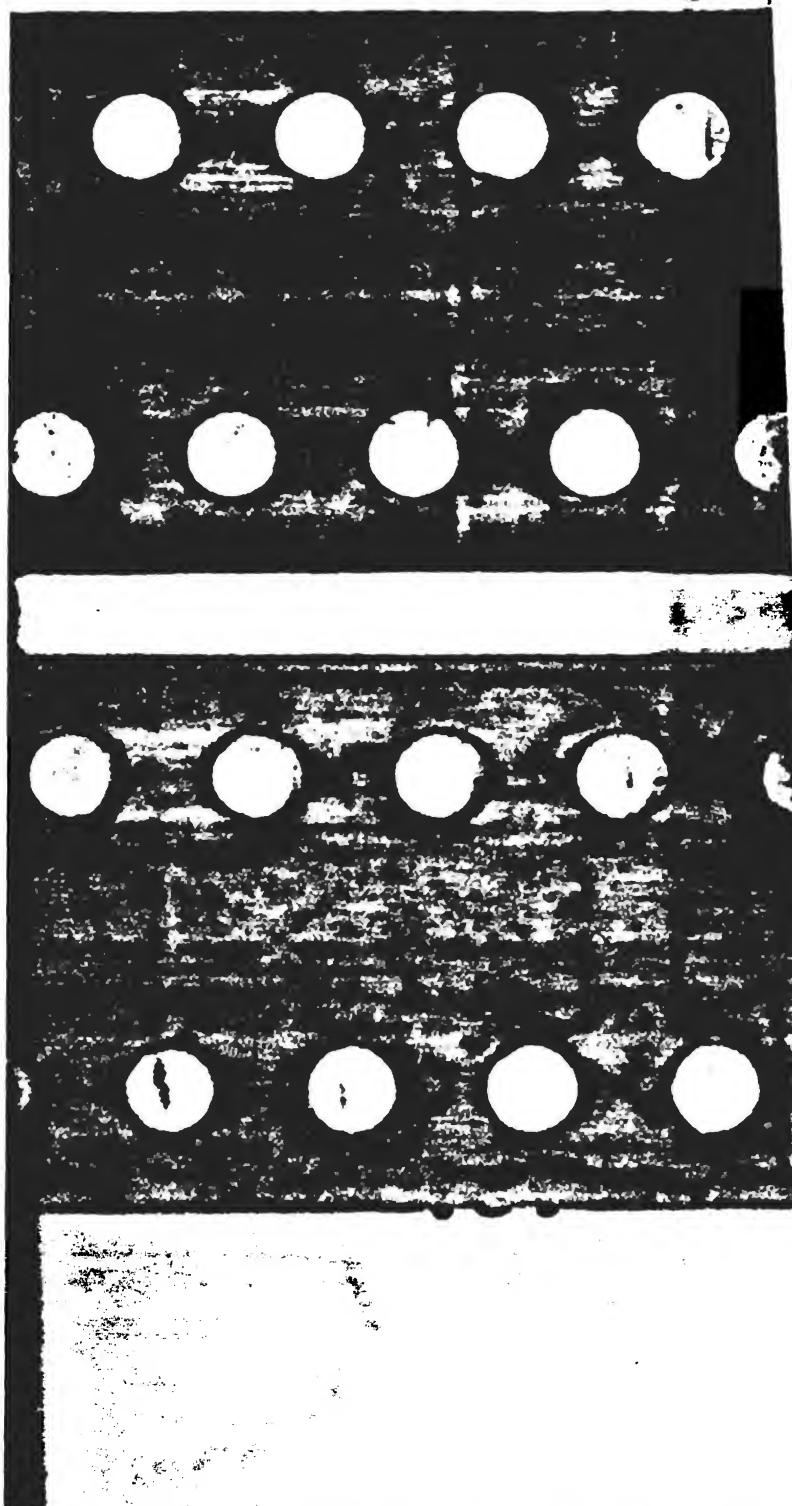
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about this yet.

Yours very truly, O. L. George



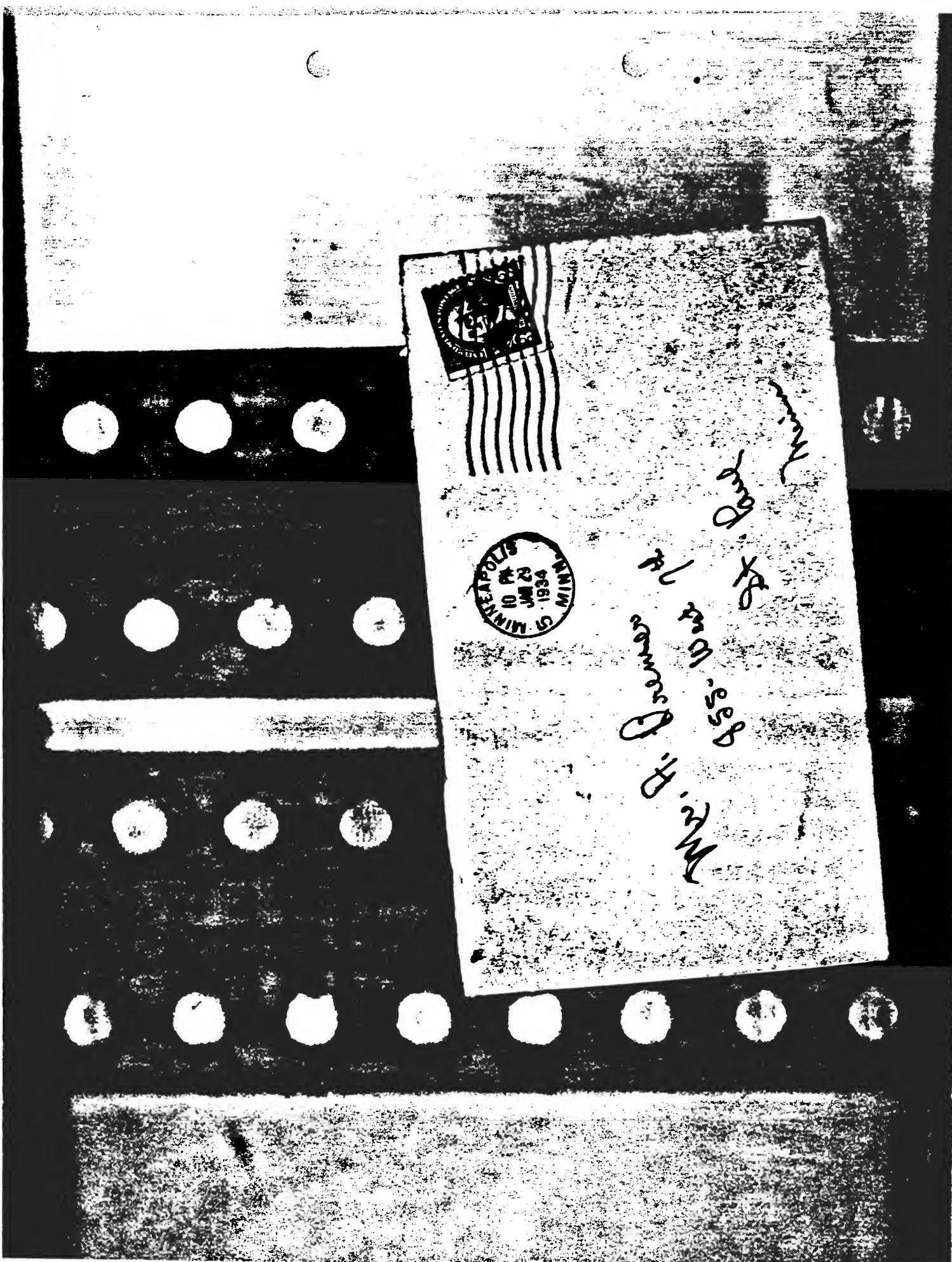
Dear Sir Mr Prentiss  
I send to you my hearty  
prayers for his return to  
sight soon as now his eyes  
are not closed. Friends  
last adieu Dan left this  
in that was but just the  
Bairns heart sometimes  
but the world ab all lost  
the Deildurhanitans  
as for what I learned  
alone when one companion  
gave them sat it would  
go to with your trouble  
or can bring this with you  
I read about you I had  
no way to send to send  
your poor boy back to

1856  
1855 or 6  
Dear Sir and the Misses  
as send him back what  
the more nothing to do with  
which said back so  
get this letter plus answer  
or return same sympathy  
an above 5 lines for all  
poor hearts to rejoice and  
More from Mrs. Barbara  
Hawthorne Oct 163  
My God how can I  
do on paper as play on  
grain will come true  
and for your sake all  
Please yours truly  
John or heard of you  
and never can do with  
to get to see you but may  
begin to find enough to  
entertain with some more



This is the last time we will try to communicate with you. Two calls have been delayed and no answer to our messages. If you choose to ignore this, that's your lookout.

He needs medical attention. You will put the stuff in two bundles evenly divided, packed securely. If it is delivered safely, your package will be delivered safely in 10 hours allowing us a safe retreat. Mae Gee will deliver one package to this spot - Railroad and Road County 60 at 11:30 PM Tuesday night. You will bring the other yourself to Plymouth W. W. and Glenwood. You will then put the money down and you will reach the side of the track and sign under the stop sign. We will not be again against a bridge or a bank. You light a cigarette in Plymouth. If this letter is opened and this is in Plymouth, send it to you. The last time we will try to you.



Stop all miners

Mr Adolph Brenner Jan 27 1933

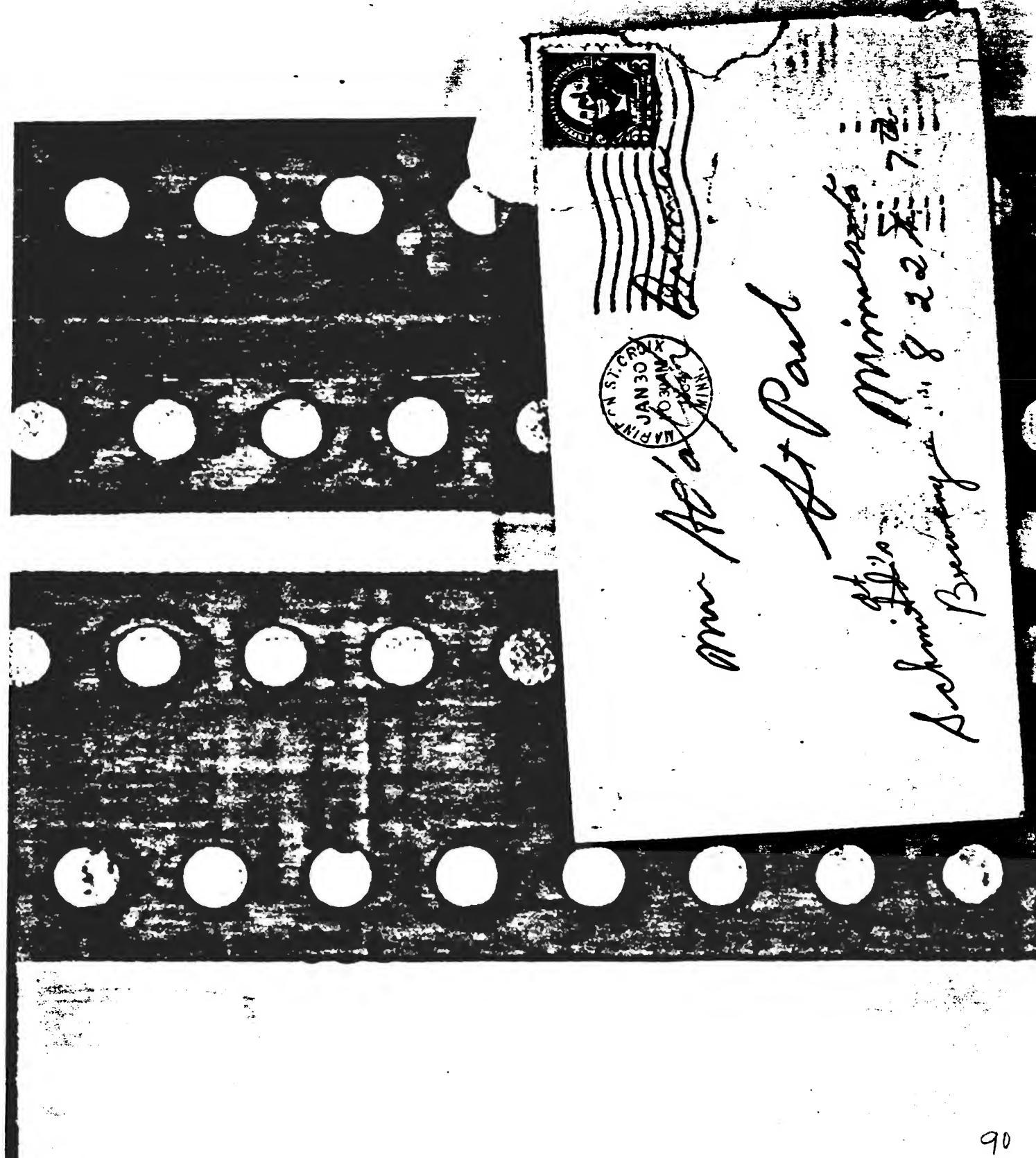
Dear Sirs - Somerset Min.

If you have not had any contact with the big boys yet any way by the time you get this letter you and some of the chaps out and have a talk with me I think I can get one listed with them but I don't want any thing to do with any officer if you decide to come out here to mine or at least giving I live 1 1/2 miles from them on the main road do not let them know who you are the store keepers there can tell you the way back still out at it out if you come out or it may spoil the place it might work I live 3 miles from Somerset Min.

Let it goe how bad any  
contact with them has one  
out for it might spoil it  
all hoping you soon returned  
By the time this reaches you

Sincerely yours

Someret 2216



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Kendallville Ind.

Mr. Bremner, Dear Sir,  
I am writing this letter  
to you to see if in  
any way I could help you  
about your dear son,  
I know of a man that  
can tell you without  
fail where and what  
has happened to the boy,  
God knows it is  
terrible to not know  
or here, if you want  
to get him I know  
you could get some  
evidence of some kind  
he is not expensive  
he is reasonably.

Now I must tell you about  
my self so you will  
know this is just  
a dear Mother though  
you must know I  
have 5 children and  
I have 2 fine Boys  
and I want them  
live  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kendall  
ville in a small town I have  
lived here 10 years if  
you write to me just  
address it to me I get  
mail here at 9 every  
morning my address is  
~~101 Main Street~~

P. P. 3. Kendallville Ind.

he is widely known you  
will not pay Police in  
it at all. I live 30 miles  
from him. I would go  
to see him for you  
if you say let me know  
please and I will do  
it. The man's name is  
an fawels.

S. R. P.

The ~~process~~ ~~of~~ ~~restoration~~  
of ~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~house~~  
is ~~done~~ ~~done~~ ~~done~~  
done.

In case paper unpencel,

Mr. Elvin Anagnos  
883 Mandeville Rd

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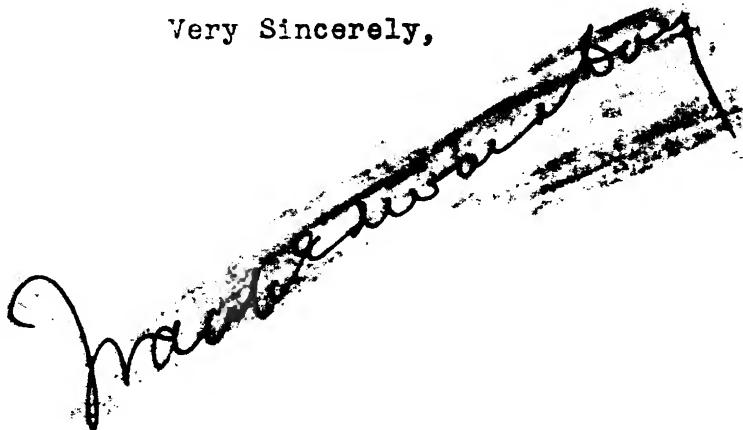
Feb. 1, 1934.

Adolph Bremer:--

I am enclosing a statement handed me by a lady of highest repute and standing, whose heart has gone out in constant sympathy and feeling for you, as has every body's heart gone out. This came to her so suddenly and strangely one night, that she felt impelled to write it out. It may be but a dream, but stranger things have happened.

Every human soul senses a protest in his heart against this inhumanity which threatens love, and home and happiness, and even government itself.

Very Sincerely,



A Suggestion to the Weary, Anxious Watchers.

Although strangers to you, the sincere sympathy of the public ~~has~~ with you hourly, and as this possible solution of your anxious waiting came to me during the night, I am sending it on for your clue.

It might be possible the Dillinger gang kidnapped your son, and took him to Ariz for safety, but after locking him up in some secluded place until further action was made, they (Gang) were captured and placed in jail, leaving their victim in a cell, where he cannot escape or speak while the gang have been taken to another state.

This is a possibility and as such a search all round the place of the Dillinger hideout would and could prove a solution for the long silence from the kidnapped man.

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A Suggestion for the Bremer Family.

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Every One for Whom Christ Died And, "By the Grace of  
God Christ Jesus tasted death for Every Man."

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible School, 10:00 A. M. Worship and Sermon, 11:00 A. M.  
Epworth League, 7:00 P. M.

ORGANIZATIONS HEADS: Pastor, Frank Edward Day, D.D., LL. D. Sunday School Supt., Mrs. A. M. Engell; President Ladies Circle, Mrs. E. A. Michel; President W.H.M.S., Mrs. Paul Dickensheets; President Brotherhood, H. J. Holmgren; President Epworth League, Don Harvey; Financial Secretary, Fred N. Lupien; Treasurer, C. P. Albertson; Treasurer Benevolences, Mrs. Herman Dirks; Director of Music, Stanley Lebbens; Director Junior Choir, Mildred Stutledge; Pianist, Mrs. Edward R. Ludwig; Director Recreation, "Andy" Nelson; Caretaker, Earl Clark.

Pastor's Residence: 3439 Lyndale S.

Pastor's Phone Colfax 0330

Dr. Day will answer all calls on his phone at all times

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MORNING WORSHIP: 11:00 O'CLOCK  
PRELUDE: DOXOLOGY: INVOCATION: HYMN NO. 171  
CONFSSION OF FAITH --- -- The Apostles' Creed  
CALL TO PRAYER: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple, Let  
All The Earth Keep Silence: CHOIR  
"LET US PRAY:" The Pastor: "AMEN" CHOIR  
PASTORAL PRAYER: --Closing With The Lord's Prayer.  
THE ANTHEM: "Softly And Tenderly Jesus is Calling":  
Thompson. CHOIR  
(Incidental Solo: Don Harvey)  
THE PSALTER: Page 5; 4th Sunday Morning.  
THE GLORIA PATRI: Choir and Congregation.  
THE GOSPEL: I. 30-51.  
THE OFFERTORY: "All Things Come Of Thee O Lord,  
and Of Thine Own Have We Given  
Thee." Choir and Congregation.  
SERMON: "Thinking". By The Pastor.  
HYMN: No. 304. BENEDICTION.  
"The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee": CHOIR  
POSTLUDE.

#### OTHER SERVICES

10:00 A.M. The Sunday School.  
6:00 P.M. The League is to be the guest of the  
Joyce Church Epworth League tonight.  
Transportation will be furnished. It  
will be necessary for those who go to  
be at our church at 5:30 sharp. Let's  
have a good crowd.

#### BUILDING NOTES

As the work proceeds, everybody is able to see the  
beauty and convenience which will make the new edi-  
fice a pride to the whole of Brookside. -- It will  
be fine to hear the bell chime out our calls to ser-  
vice. In the old church the room was so enclosed  
that the tone was muffled, and the bell was so heavy  
it endangered the poorly supported construction. --  
It was not thought that the balcony room had direct  
heat, but the pastor learns in a talk with Mr. Welles  
that not only has that room heat, but the vestibule  
as well, will have direct heat. Thanks, Mr. Welles.

EVERY DAY: 6:00 to 6:30 A.M. Morning Devotions over.  
WRHM: MONDAY, Rev. T. B. Shorts, Epworth Methodist  
Church; TUESDAY, Dr. Charles Nelson Pace, Dist. Supt.;  
WEDNESDAY, Rev. A. D. Brokaw, Fifth Ave. Congregational;  
THURSDAY, Rev. Henry Soltau, Brooklyn Center;  
FRIDAY, Rev. Cecil Sparks, Forest Heights Congrega-  
tional; SATURDAY, Dr. T. W. Stout, Richfield Metho-  
dist. It will pay you to tune in--good music and  
inspiring messages.

WEDNESDAY: The first thing Wednesday is the monthly  
luncheon for the Sunday School, with officers and  
teachers and friends: The hosts will be Mesdames  
G. A. Holmquist and Andy Nelson, at Mrs. Holmquist's  
home, 4032 Webster.

WEDNESDAY: The second thing, but of equal importance,  
is the Choir Practice at Mrs. Frank Hladky's home,  
4148 Brookside Ave., at 7:30 P.M. If only every mem-  
ber will be steady in attendance, the dedication day  
music will be superb.

THURSDAY: Scout Troop 102 at Brookside School, 7:15.  
This troop will be our guests at the morning service,  
February 11th, when Boy Scout week will climax  
throughout the nation.

#### PARISH NEWS

Jeanie Ludwig had so far recovered Saturday that it  
was planned to return her home today. --Dr. Day paid  
a flying business to several towns between here and  
Duluth this week in a search of a little rest from  
heavy pressure. He came back after finding what he  
sought. --The entertainment, "The World's All Right"  
went over big, and this church thanks the great num-  
ber from other churches and those with no church mem-  
bership for their help. It was notable.

#### POINTS

The Only Failure is to admit failure. --Contentment is  
the only sure wealth, --you can't deposit it in a  
bank. --Good manners must first be in the soul, then  
actions are graceful. --Laziness today, is the thief  
that steals your tomorrow.

3439 Lyndale St.,  
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Adolph Bramer,  
855 W. 7th. St.,  
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"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

Jan. 30/34

Dear Sir:

There would be no kidnaping for money if no  
money were paid for kidnaping.  
Sympathy for the victim often causes us to  
lose sight of the social duty of preventing  
his friends from taking such course as  
will endanger the lives, liberties and  
property of others.

Paying ransom to kidnapers is doing  
just that, and there should be a law  
making it offense.

The law of "to day" - protects the kidnaper  
by refusing to prosecute the person  
who pay him for his crime.

And now - I beg to offer my services to you  
dear Sir:

I am a young man of the age 29 yrs.  
During "War Time" I have served in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] after the  
"War" served 10 yrs in Merchantile Marine  
and worked for the [REDACTED]  
now out of business. —  
I am married, have the most wonderful  
wife, and lots of hard times, being  
unemployed for the past nine months,  
and so not having anything else to do,  
I have been studying "Your" sons cause —  
and I could understand as best you must  
feel about. —  
The government, the city police, the "new hands"  
on the men, and many others failed —  
you need a man, who can work  
in almost "smoke-say" be on it  
and when time comes, be will know  
how to manage that, see his and  
those of others, and bring the

"Gangster" to the justice.

I am offering myself to you, Dear Sir. My home is broken - I am staying away from my wife, because I feel that I must not share the "little" what "She" may earn - and I feel that I must earn money, for support of my wife and give her back all, what the terrible time, have taken away from us. -

I am death broke, - I cannot travel the great distance on my own expences - I am willing to stand, where the government, State and City Police failed, only you must helped me to get over, and to get some "close" so I can't overtake this dangerous "Mission" - and bring the "racketeer" in the hands of the law. - -

4  
And to give you a security that I am  
on the "level" - I am willing to  
travel with my "wife" and let  
her stay with you until I find  
your son - death or live.

You may send somebody to St. York to get me  
the ready, and I am sure, that with a  
"God's" help we all be happy again  
soon - stop worrying for a while,

If you will give me the chance  
and hire me, please keep this letter  
from the "news-bounds" and all  
authorities, because the real success  
depends on utmost secrecy and  
lives could be have only once.  
Pay no money to nobody, you may  
be tricked - as they tricked  
Col. Lindberg; wait till I come  
and I believe that a man of my  
calibre could be very useful  
and successfull.

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I have find a little job now, so I may be located any evening starting to day at the

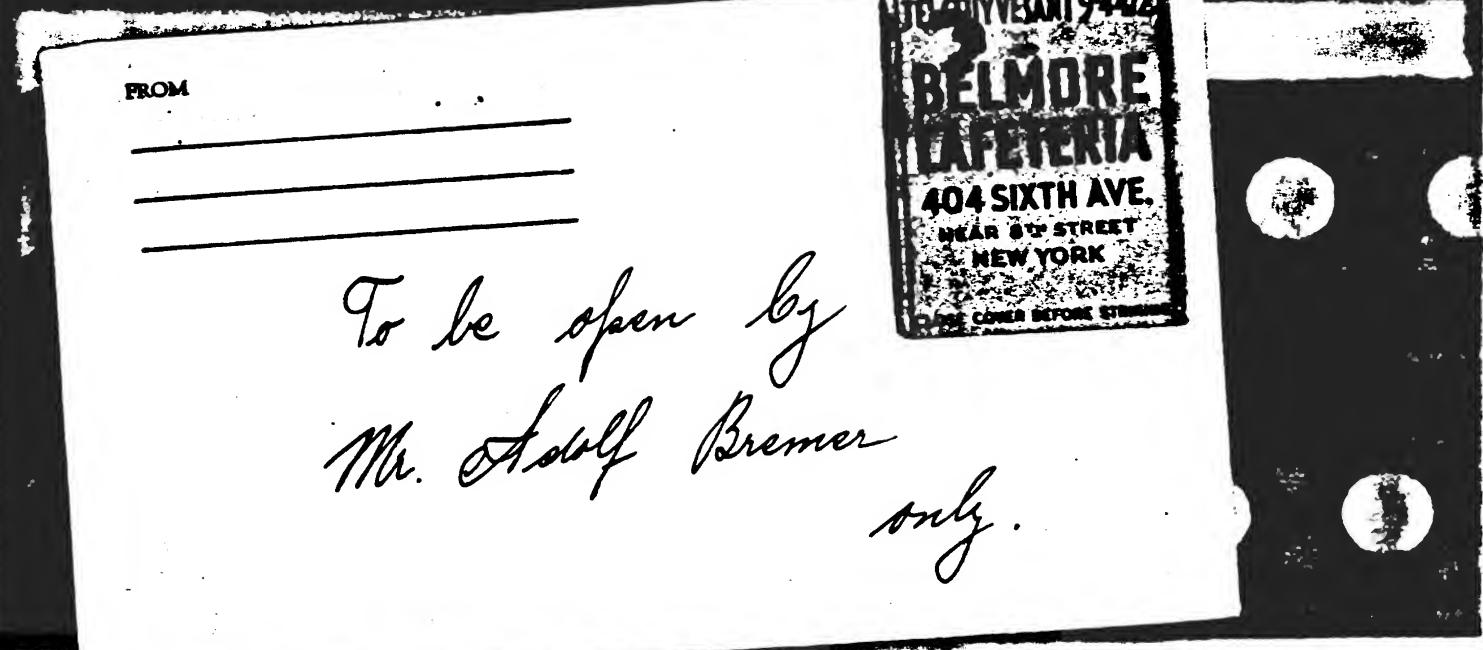
Belmore Cafeteria

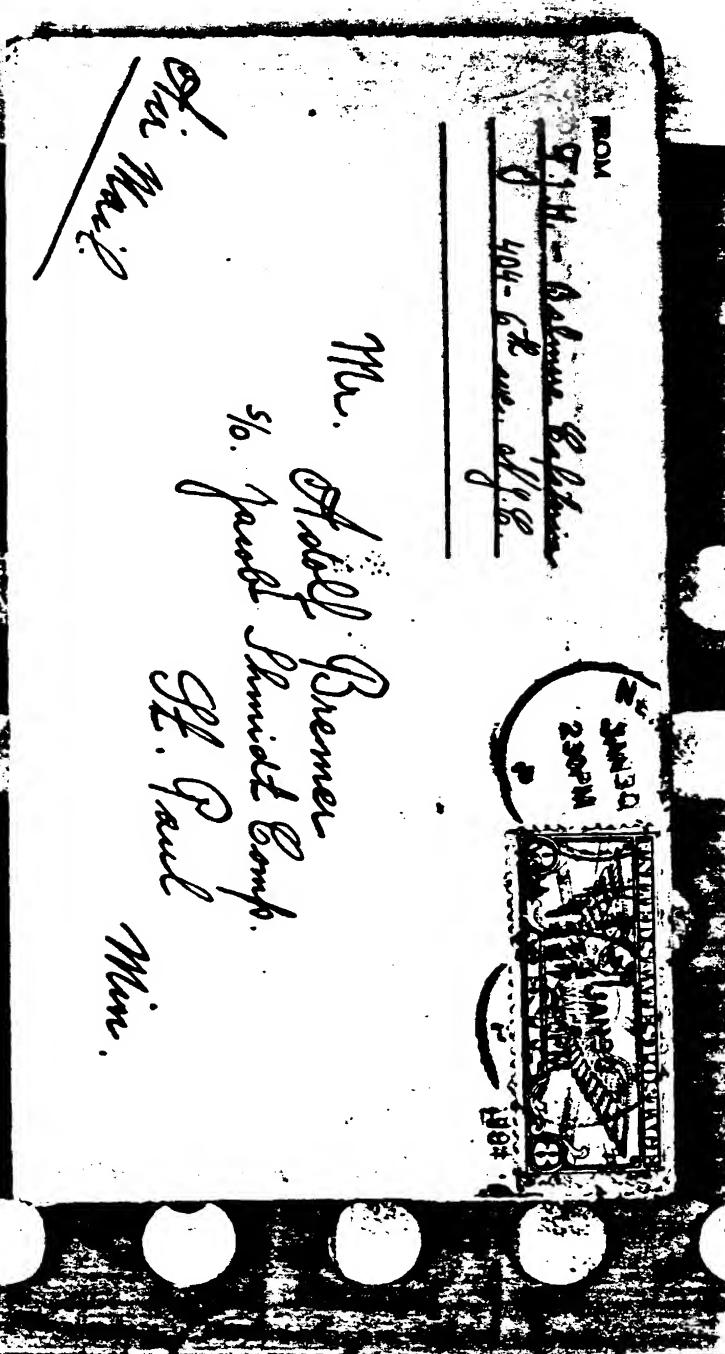
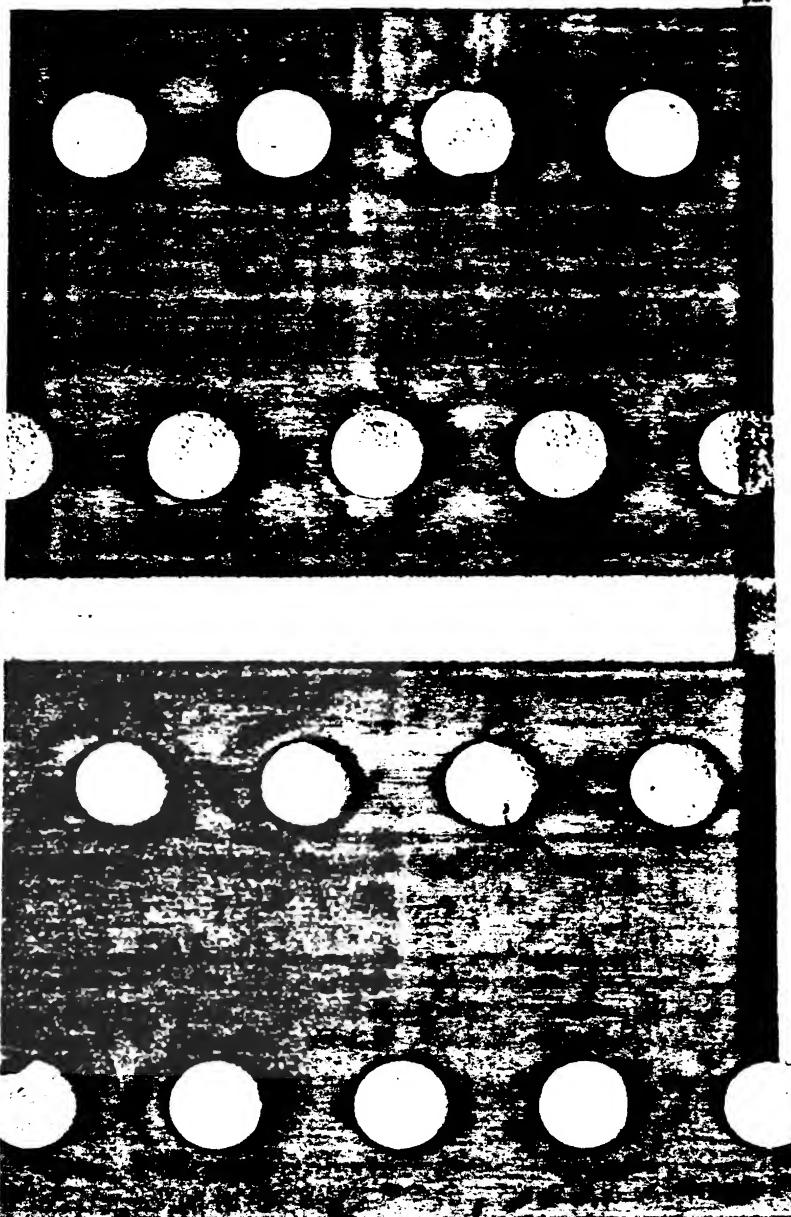
404 - Sixth ave New York.

I am working here as a night 'bus-boy' from 6 P.M. - 5 A.M. I be here for the next five days, because I was hired as a extra man.

Hope to hear from you soon  
I remain respectfully

Frank J. Mahan.





Fort Meade Fla.

Jan 28-1934

Mr adolph Bremer

Jt. Paul. miss

Dear Mr Bremer:

I have read in our Daily Tampa Tribune about your son being kidnaped. I do not believe any one else could sympathize with you more than I do for I know what it is to lose one you love so dearly. I lost a miss I raised, Nov. 22-1933 I loved as good, but you have to just look to God for help.

Mr Bremer are you a Christian? if you are - why then you will not need my advise, but if you are not, then please let me

help you. I have been praying for  
some time now for a message to take  
to you earthly people that will stop  
this kidnapping my heart has been  
burden for you all some time, it has  
been terrible how much kidnapping  
has been going on for the last few  
months. Mr. Farmer God says if  
we keep His Word and do His Will  
we can ask any thing in His Name  
and He will do it. Do you rich people  
listen? you know Abraham gave  
a tenth of every thing he made and  
God wonderfully blessed him took good  
care of him, I believe if you all will  
give a tenth of what God blesses  
you to have each week and serve  
God in every way turn away

from every thing that is evil and a  
God. will - & I believe with all my  
heart kidnapping will stop. & here two  
messages one to ask you wealthy  
people to give a tenth to God's cause  
and one more to deliver to the  
President and should he do what  
I ask him to do and you all do  
what I am asking you to do - why  
just Praise God and give them  
the Praise should it prove successful

& noticed in one paper  
when you was sick & I was an invalid  
for five years & didn't go out of  
my house but once and then my  
husband took me to the Hospital.  
& will be glad to help you get your  
health back if you want me to and  
Mr. Brewster

Remember it may seem queer to you  
but should you have any question  
you would like to ask <sup>me</sup> in regards to  
any thing you want to know - you  
may write me and I will get an  
answer from our Lord in regards  
to yes or no.

I would be so glad to have a  
talk with you but I suppose that is  
impossible so if you are interested  
just write me and ask me any  
question you wish and I will  
answer as soon as possible. I  
would glad to give you scriptures  
that God intends for us to give  
a tenth to His cause - you may say  
well I am rich I don't know how to  
obey God like poor people do

but God say He is no respect of person and he expect you wealthy people to live for Him and do ~~as~~ as well as He does in my hearts certainly goes out to the wealthy it looks like there is no Peace for them, I am praying that you will help me get this message to each one of you then I do pray that our President will help me too, and then let me pray to God that will take care of you all too.

I hope I will hear from you soon as possible. You may feel free to ask me any thing you wish for I do not care my alias before men, it will be only between me and my God that will know it over

may God bless you and help  
you to bear your burden.

A friend in Christ

Pat

Trot Meade, Fla.

Jan 29 - 1934

Dear Mr. Premer: I had a message  
this morning to tell you that Walter  
Magee is the one that has kidnapped your  
son he may claim to be a friend - but he  
isn't. Please let no one know I have told  
you this only get you a good detective  
and have him to watch him, don't let him  
out of his sight and you will find out  
in a few days what he has done - should  
you find out what I have told you to be true  
please do not give my name if you  
want to say anything about it at all  
just say a child of God told you. For  
I have something else I want to tell

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you too, and I do not care for publicity  
it God that needs the Okains.

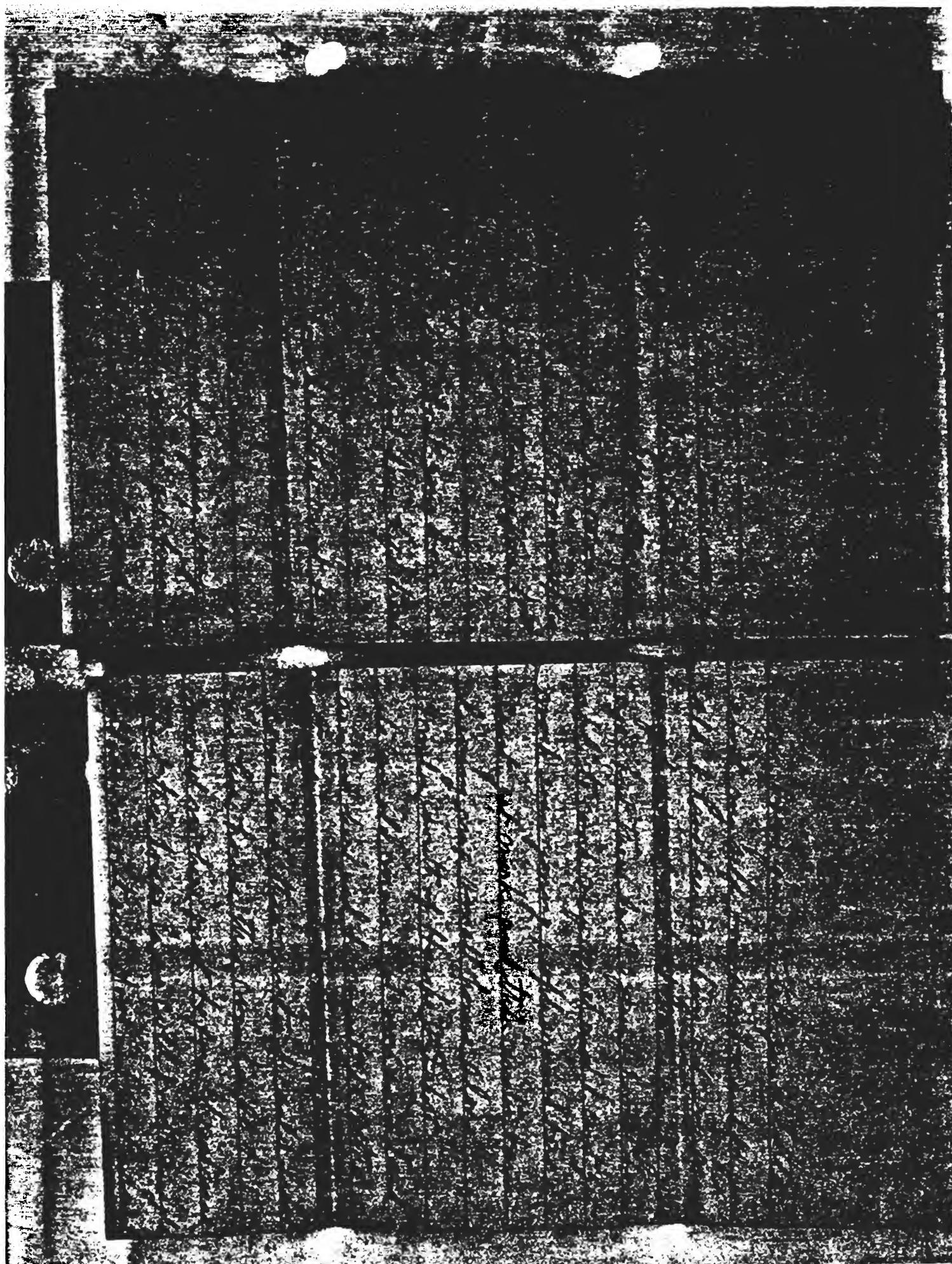
I feel so sorry, you, and may  
God strengthen you to bear your  
burden. Please believe what I have  
told you, and make an investigation  
at once and keep it a secret until  
you can see for yourself what  
that man has done.

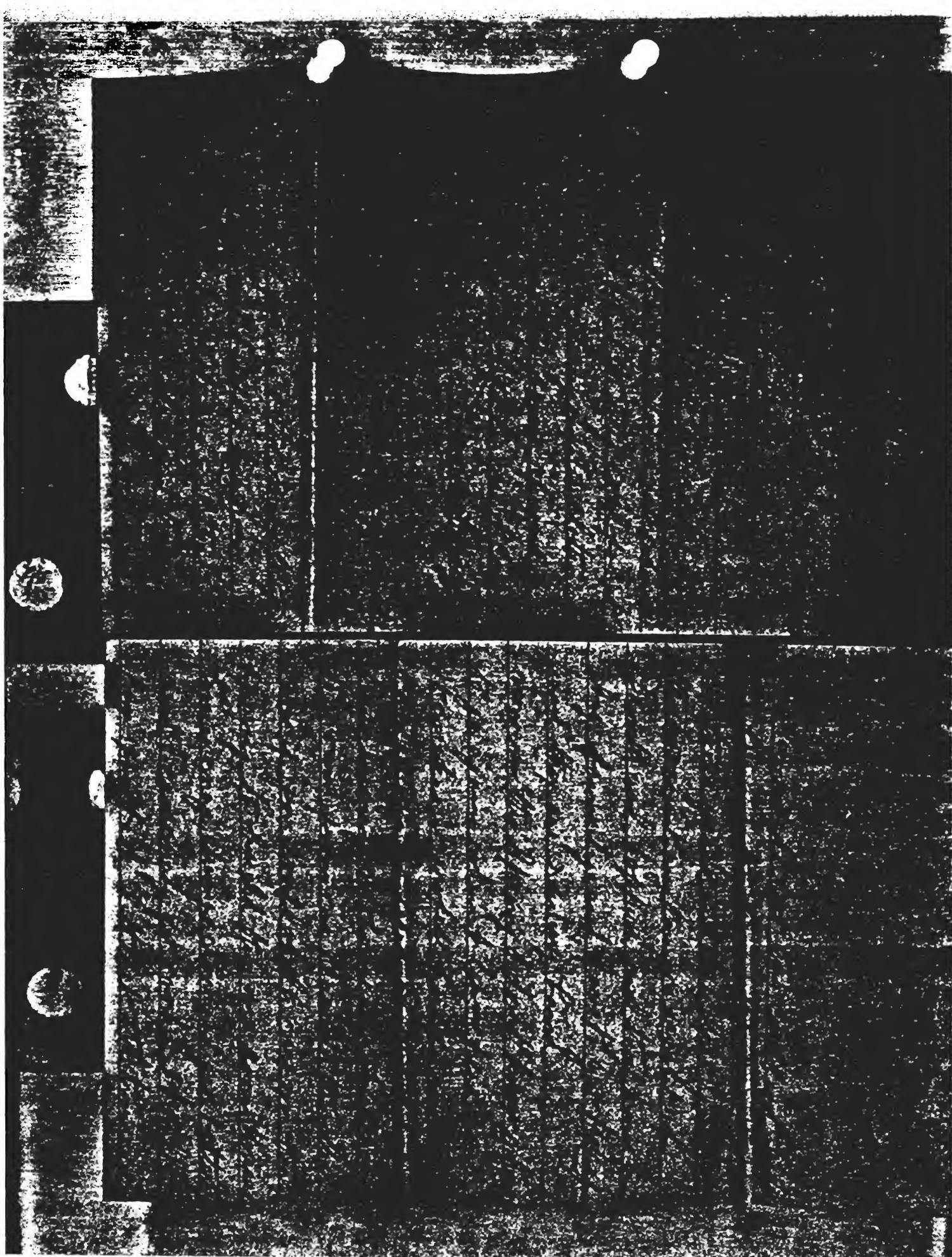
a friend in Christ

Miss Johnson

Mr. Adolph Trenner  
of Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co.,  
St. Paul, Minn.









Adolph B. Umer  
855 W.  
Personally Seventh St.  
St. Paul

United States Post Office

Hibbing, Minn.

Feb. 5-1934.

Postmaster,

St Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:

The inclosed letter addressed to Mr Adolph Bremer  
was dropped at this office without a stamp attached  
and am forwarding same to you to be delivered postage  
due, not knowing whether same is the work of some crank  
or might be of value to addressee.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN T. HALEY, Postmaster

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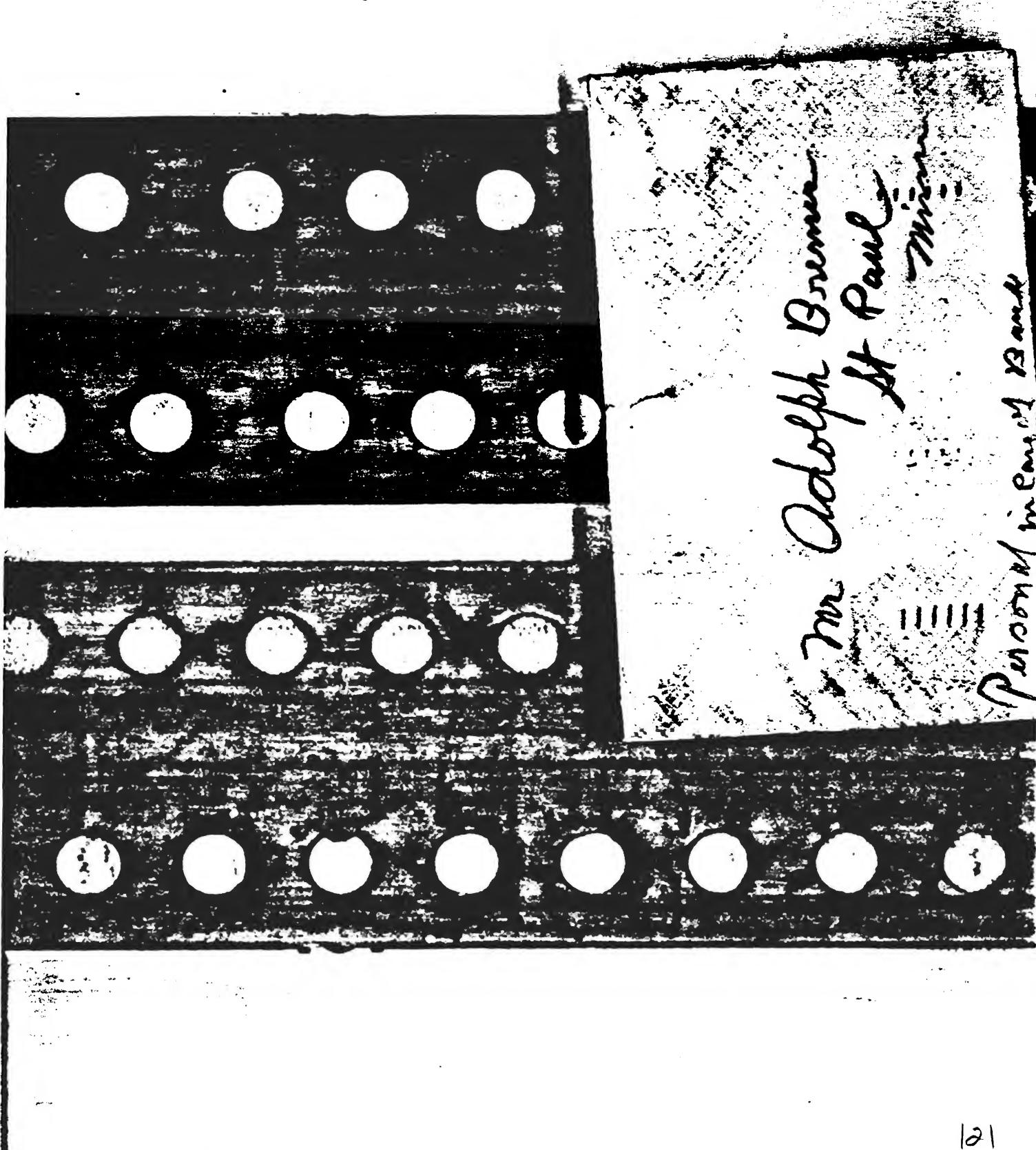
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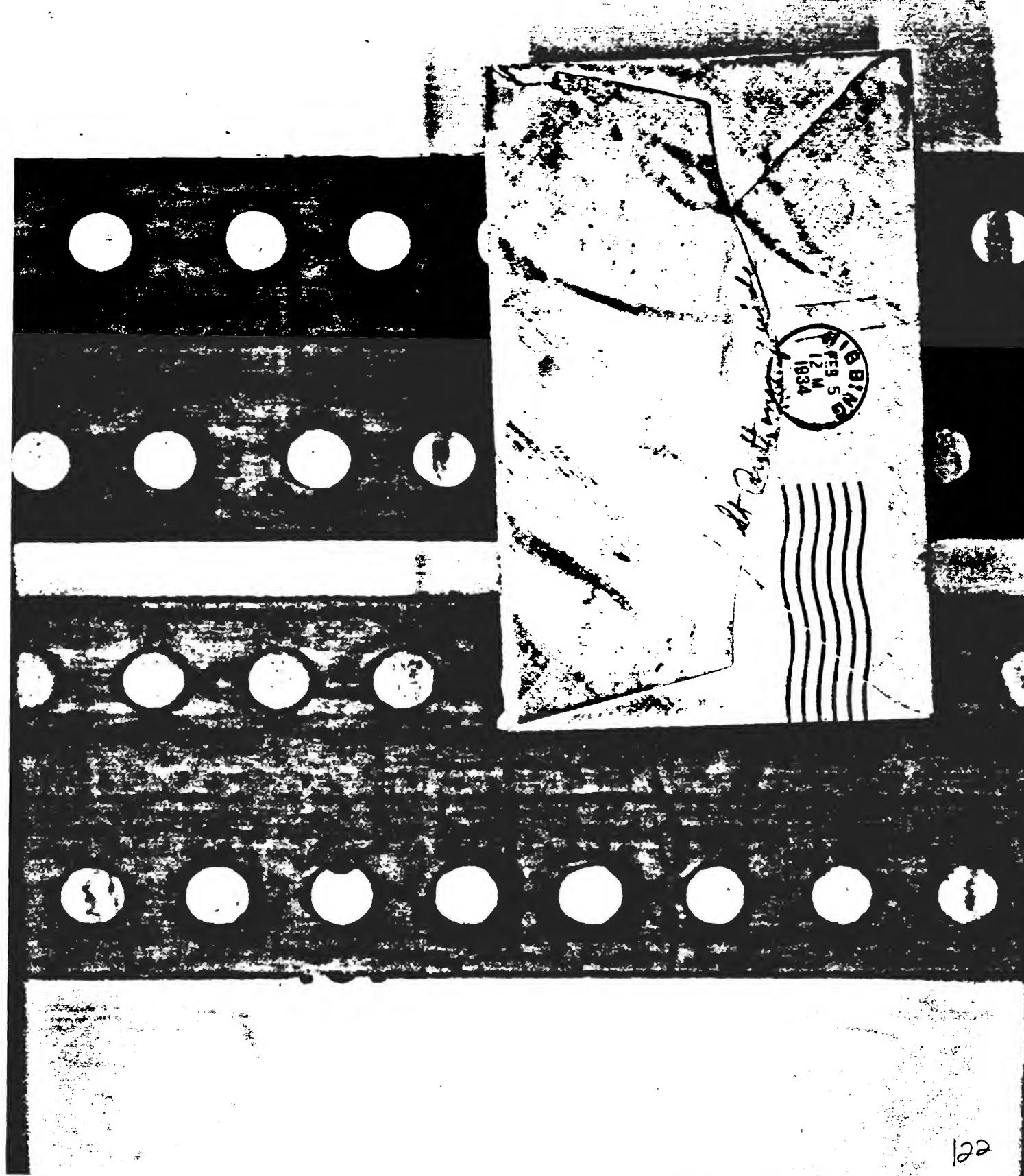
The Bremer Family & All  
My heart felt sympathy  
so with you. I don't think your  
son dead, a vision come to me  
last Sunday after noon between  
3 & 4 o'clock P.M. I was sleeping  
I dreamed of a man dressed in  
a gray suit carried out of a  
lonely looking place to a <sup>car</sup>  
a shabby looking car my door  
bell rang woke me before my  
vision was dismissed at  
man at his feet another at his shoulder  
I didn't see the mans face it was  
covered his body was bent a live  
persons body do it seemed to me he was  
about 5 feet 6 he was not a stout man  
I am still praying for him I think he lives

I had vision after vision about baby  
Lisberg I wrote them but never kept  
back I know that child never was on the  
water, but the blood of that moment take her  
cried to heaven for innocence which she  
belongs to God along, perhaps he died  
to save other ones and others I believe  
But think this Strange dear people  
There is a little Catholic church where  
French people go and ask favor of  
God thru the power God gave St Anthony  
to bring back your son I have been  
answering there, you will be; just  
go there write your request and power  
what ever you wish in money to buy  
bread for St Anthony's poor you  
don't leave money at the time just  
the request if you are ans then give  
what you promised I am sure  
you will hear from your son  
There is nothing impossible for  
God dear people I think this church  
is called St Louis it was called that 40  
years ago when I asked a request there  
and I was ans I know you will be  
You can ask any person can tell you about it

When bad women can get down  
will have no bad men bad women  
I see many a cause my all trouble to day  
I look for news from your side in  
a short time be sure and go to that church  
as I did 40 years ago ask and you will  
receive and will pray god to us you all  
Please dont mention my name  
I... I... the old and gray a long 77 years  
old all that time in time, I ask god to be  
and comfort you and your people  
justly and sincerely yours

Mrs. S. M. Taylor per Amis  
Please dont mention my name to  
any person, I am afraid of that class  
of women and many Hibernians mixed with  
them coming here from Canada  
Wisconsin and the like crowding out  
our own people I cannot pay my taxes  
16 or 18 dollars only





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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

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*J. E. Hoover*

Director,  
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CITY	BUILDING	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Birmingham, Ala.	322 Federal	7-1755
Boston, Mass.	1002 Post Office & Court House	Liberty 7634
Butte, Montana	302 Federal	2-4734
Charlotte, N. C.	1806 First National Bank	3-4127
Chicago, Illinois	1900 Bankers'	Andover 2411
Cincinnati, Ohio	426 U. S. Custom House & P.O.	Cherry 0768
Dallas, Texas	Post Office	2-7985
Detroit, Michigan	625 Lafayette	Cadillac 2835
El Paso, Texas	1331 First National Bank	Main 501
Jacksonville, Fla.	412 U. S. Court House & P. O.	5-8209
Kansas City, Mo.	Federal, Suite L	Victor 3113
Los Angeles, Calif.	617 Federal	Mutual 2201
New Orleans, La.	326½ Post Office	Raymond 1965
New York, N. Y.	370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403	Caledonia 5-8691
Oklahoma City, Okla.	224 Federal	2-8204
Philadelphia, Pa.	735 Philadelphia Saving Fund	Walnut 2213
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1206 Law and Finance	Grant 2727
Portland, Oregon	411 United States Court House	Atwater 6171
Salt Lake City, Utah	Room 503a U.S. Court House & P.O.	Wasatch 1797
San Antonio, Texas	1216 Smith-Young Tower	Fannin 8052
San Francisco, Calif.	318 Hewes	Exbrook 0818
St. Louis, Mo.	801 Title Guaranty	Central 1650
St. Paul, Minn.	203 Post Office	Garfield 2193
Washington, D. C.	Hurley-Wright	National 0185

Telephone or telegraph:

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

at the above city and address.

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February 6, 1934.

MR. Nathan	✓
MR. Tolson	✓
MR. Clegg	✓
MR. Cowley	✓
MR. Edwards	✓
MR. Egan	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Lester	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Rosen	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He advised no new information has been received by him or our office there. He advised, however, that the numbers which have been sequenced here should be set up and typed and distributed to all of our field offices and our offices instructed to hold them until a telegram telling them to forward the numbers of the bills delivered to the kidnapers is sent to the field offices.

Mr. Nathan called attention to the likelihood that a large number of the bills are on the Ninth Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis and that a statement to this effect might be made on the list if it is found to be worth while. He suggested that the list be examined with this in view.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Edwards asked to  
proceed - Day + night shifts.  
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Washington, D. C.

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February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

In compliance with your request, please find attached hereto a memorandum prepared, reflecting the number of banks (National and State) in each field office district.

This tabulation was prepared for the purpose of sending out circulars from the Seat of Government, a copy of which should be made available, I believe, to Mr. Renneberger.

From the files reviewed, I find that Special Agent in Charge Fay of the New York office has made arrangements to notify auxiliary offices that, in the event it becomes necessary to circularize banks located in Canada, the arrangements have been made through his office. Should it become necessary to send out circulars to the various field offices, for the purpose of distributing them to banks located in their districts, I would suggest that at least 100 additional copies be added to the number of banks listed.

Respectfully,

*T. D. Quinn*

T. D. Quinn.

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T. D. Quinn*

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The following tabulation shows the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts:

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Banks</u>
Birmingham	786
Boston	459
Butte	231
Charlotte	381
Chicago	1086
Cincinnati	1295
Dallas	440
Detroit	690
El Paso	148
Jacksonville	296
Kansas City	2231
Los Angeles	124
New Orleans	359
New York	1383
Canada	<u>3890</u>
Oklahoma City	740
Philadelphia	720
Pittsburgh	703
Portland	369
Salt Lake City	337
San Antonio	538
San Francisco	200
St. Louis	926
St. Paul	2035
Washington	<u>579</u>
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

With regard to the pamphlets being prepared in your Unit listing therein the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer case pending at St. Paul, I wish that you would send the first 5,000 booklets printed immediately to the St. Paul Office of the Division by registered mail, special delivery.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a list prepared showing the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts.

Further shipments of these pamphlets, as they are completed, should be transmitted to the Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Detroit and Salt Lake City Offices in the order named. In other words, I desire that these pamphlets be distributed to all banks in the vicinity of St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. After each field office has received its necessary quota in order to distribute them among the banks in each field office district, you should arrange to forward to each field office a sufficient number in order that they may be distributed to all law enforcement officials in each district, or in other words the same number of pamphlets should be forwarded as identification orders.

As previously instructed, this matter should receive your most expeditious attention, in order that the printing and assembling of these pamphlets may be completed at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 7, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnapping. *b7d*

Enclosed, herewith, is a letter signed "N.R.A.", together with the envelope in which it was mailed by Special Delivery [REDACTED] postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 11 A.M., February 6, 1934. There is also enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter which was enclosed with the above mentioned letter, to be forwarded [REDACTED] to Adolf Bremer at St. Paul. This enclosure is marked "Obscene".

United States Attorney Dwight H. Green called the writer to his office today and advised that an attorney [REDACTED] had brought these letters to his office. Mr. Green advised

It is to be noted that in the letter the individual signing himself N.R.A. requests [REDACTED] to act as a go-between, in an effort to collect ransom money from the Bremer family. [REDACTED] did not want to act as a go-between, nor did he desire to have it known that he had turned these letters over to the Government. In order to eliminate any possibility of the fact that he had turned these letters over to Mr. Green becoming known, [REDACTED] stated that he desired to mail the enclosures for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer, but that this office could retain the original letter addressed to him.

It is noted that in the photostated letter enclosed, mention is made of an advertisement which should appear in the Chicago Tribune. [REDACTED] advised Mr. Green that [REDACTED] suggested that if this Ad were inserted, the following words might be added: "The lawyer refuses to act in this matter", thus indicating to the writer of the letter that [REDACTED] would not act as a go-between.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan was communicated with by telephone at St. Paul and the substance of these letters given to him, and he advised that he believed that these individuals were apparently not the kidnappers of

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Edward Bremer, inasmuch as their reference to the N.R.A. did not identify them as such. He further suggested that it would be well to let [REDACTED] forward the letter for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, so that the matter would be carried out in the same manner as was contemplated by the writer of the letter.

Accordingly, the enclosures meant for Mr. Bremer were returned to United States Attorney Green for transmittal to [REDACTED] to be forwarded by him to Mr. Adolf Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. [REDACTED] has been instructed to immediately turn over any further communications which he may receive from this individual.

Attached to the St. Paul copies of this letter are photostatic copies of the letter addressed to [REDACTED] as well as photostatic copies of the letter which was enclosed for [REDACTED] to forward to Mr. Bremer and which are marked "Obscene".

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice

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cc  
1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 7, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-      Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
                    EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
                    Kidnapping

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope  
is a letter received by Mr. Dickman of the Commercial State Bank,  
St. Paul, mailed at Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1934. This  
letter was transmitted to this office by the St. Paul Office,  
under date of February 5, 1934.

In accordance with the request in the enclosed  
letter, the following advertisement has been placed in the Personal  
column of the CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE dated February 8 and 9,  
1934 -

"L.P. Wire me collect, care Western Union, Chicago,  
where I can meet you. Signed, Garr"

This office will keep in touch with the Western Union Telegraph  
Company to ascertain whether the individual signing himself L.P.  
will follow the directions in the above advertisement, and such  
action as is necessary will then be taken.

Very truly yours

*W. A. Smith*

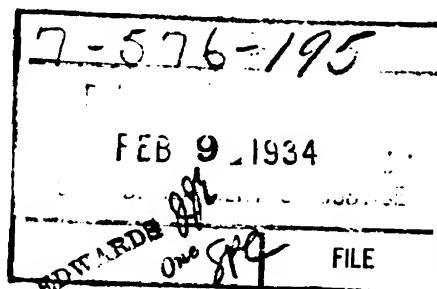
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

FILE NO. 7-18

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE AT:
NEW ORLEANS	2-7-34	2-6-34	H. A. TAYLOR
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF OFFENSE:	
UNKNOWN SUBJECT EDWARD G. BREWER (VICTIM)		KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>U. S. Hardin, Attorney, Lake Charles, La., advises he has no knowledge as to whereabouts of Paula Harmon; last heard from her around middle of 1932, shortly after her suit was settled for \$3,250.00. No photograph available. Marriage record obtained reflecting marriage, July 12, 1932, between Paula Harmon and Doyle Benton, at Lake Charles, La. No writing or subjects in New Orleans files of interest.</p>			
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<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Letter from Dallas Division Office dated 1-30-34. Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1-31-34. Letter from St. Paul Office dated 1-28-34.</p>			
<p><u>AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.</u></p> <p>DETAILS: C. E. Hardin, Attorney, Weber Building, brother of Agent United States Attorney J. Fair Hardin, of the Western District of Louisiana, was interviewed. Mr. Hardin advised that he had instituted suit for Paula Harmon in May 1932 against the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, for injuries received as a result of an automobile accident which had occurred in January 1932 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, while Paula was driving with her brother, W. W. Brannon. Mr. Hardin stated that the suit was settled on June 8, 1932, for \$3,250.00, without going to trial, and</p>			
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that shortly thereafter Paula Harmon had received her share of the settlement. Mr. Hardin saw Paula on one occasion thereafter, at Lake Charles, at which time she told him she had just married Doyle Benton at Lake Charles. This meeting occurred shortly after settlement of the suit.

Mr. Hardin advised that he had had no photographs of Paula Harmon made, and that he had none in his files. He stated that at the time the suit was pending Paula had brought several photos of herself taken prior to the accident for the purpose of trial, to show her appearance prior to the accident, but that after the suit was settled these photographs were returned to her. Hardin advised that the accident had left slight scars on either side of the bridge of her nose; and that the sinus bones of her face were mashed and gave her face a somewhat flattened appearance; that she was not terribly disfigured.

Paula further advised that Paula formerly lived with her brother, W. J. Brannon, 1131 Forrest Drive, Port Arthur, Texas, and at 2427 1/2 Street, Port Arthur, Texas, but had long since moved, as letters written to her by him had been returned; further, that Paula has a sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brannon, 1125 Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas; and this sister-in-law has a sister, Mrs. Jewel Gareth, living in Port Arthur, whose husband, Mr. Gareth, works for the Firestone Station on Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas. She also has a brother-in-law, Jesse Hamilton, who once acted as City Manager of Port Arthur, Texas, temporarily, and is reported to be a reliable man.

Paula Harmon was described by Mr. Hardin and his secretary, Miss Elsie Whitman, as follows:

Name:	MRS. PAULA HARMON
Age:	28-32
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	130
Build:	Medium slender
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Blonde (Very light brown)
Teeth:	One right front out; two left front crown broken off (result of accident)
Scars:	Two slight scars either side of bridge nose
Peculiarities:	Face had rather flattened appearance, thought round in contour.

E. C. House, Clerk, District Court, Calcasieu Parish, upon interview, produced Marriage Record Book #29, Page 488, reflecting issuance of marriage license on July 18, 1932, to Doyle Benton and Paula Harmon, and their subsequent marriage on the same date. This record reflects that Paula Harmon, 28, was born February 11, 1904; that her father is D. B. Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that her mother is Annie Ellis Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that she was married once before to Charles Harmon, deceased. The record further reflects that Doyle Benton, 28, of Port Arthur, Texas, was born January 24, 1904; that his father is J. D. Benton, Port Arthur, Texas; that his mother is Gertie Fullbright Benton, Port

Arthur, Texas; that he was twice married before, to Frankie Killoway and to Bernice Lyons, both of whom are presently living, (no addresses given). The Minister performing the ceremony was Reverend E. T. Young, a Baptist Clergyman. Mr. House advised that Reverend Young is presently located at Mooringsport, Louisiana, just above Shreveport, Louisiana.

No lead is being set out to interview the Reverend E. T. Young because Mr. House advised that Mr. Young literally solicited couples for marriage in front of the Court House and probably knew nothing about either Doyle Benton or Paula Harmon.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Examination of files on subjects in the New Orleans Office fails to disclose any writings in which misspellings have occurred similar to those set out in second reference letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE: At Port Arthur, Texas, will locate and interview Doyle Benton and his parents for information of present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

Will also interview Paula's sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brennan, 1423 Proctor Street, the latter's sister, Mrs. Jewel Garth, and her husband, Mr. Garth, who is employed by the Firestone Station on Proctor Street for the same purpose.

Will also locate and interview Lesser Hamilton, brother-in-law, for the same purpose.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

*Conley Jr.*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned this morning from the Bremer home in St. Paul. He stated that the only information which they had obtained from Mr. Edward G. Bremer is as follows: That on the day he was kidnaped they travelled all day and about three hours after dark, and the same amount of time when he was returned; that he was blindfolded during the entire time; that when he wrote the letters he was placed in a corner with the paper in front of him; that the trip was made in a small sedan containing three men, and on a travelled highway; that he was released at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned home by train and by bus. The ransom of \$200,000 was paid by Magee in or near St. Paul on the night of February 6th. Mr. Nathan stated that he had called the Associated Press and the United Press to request that they broadcast a notice for a small sedan containing three men.

Mr. Nathan will call back later when he can give additional information.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
Director.

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MR. Nathan	.....
MR. Tolson	.....
MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Cowley	✓
MR. Edwards	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Looker	.....
MR. Rorer	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While in conversation with Mr. Conroy he stated that Mr. Bennett, of the Ford organization, had talked with public enemy #1 in Detroit and had asked him to find out if Bremer was still alive; that this was the only question he would ask but he wanted that information because if Bremer were not alive all the state, local and Federal investigators would get on the case immediately. He stated that two or three days later public enemy #1 at Detroit returned and said "shoot the works", indicating that Bremer was not still alive.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

This shows how unreliable some information is.

J. E. N.

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522 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minn.

2-57  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREWER - Victim.  
FEB 10 1934 A  
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office office dated February 7, 1934, requesting that the St. Paul Office be furnished some specimens of the handwriting of Hugh Basil Banghart, I. O. #1205.

Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a note addressed to the Express Agent at Lenoir City, Tennessee, written by Banghart, being signed L. J. Rogers, which is one of his aliases, and was found by the Birmingham Office during the course of the investigation conducted in the case entitled William Sharkey, with aliases (Deceased); Basil Hugh Banghart, with aliases, I. O. #1205; Charles C. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206, et al, John Factor - Victim.

During the course of the investigation in that case at Knoxville, Tennessee and vicinity, it was learned that Banghart had spent a considerable amount of time up until a few months ago in the vicinity of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was accompanied by his gang, which included Ludwig Schmidt, Isaac and Rufus Costner, also Charles C. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206. On November 15, 1933, this gang committed a \$100,000. mail robbery at Charlotte, N.C., after which they shipped a trunk to Lenoir City, Tennessee, the trunk being shipped to L. J. Rogers, which was the name that Banghart also used when renting an apartment at Charlotte, N.C. In this trunk are the stocks of two machine guns, and a surveillance was maintained for several weeks at Lenoir City, awaiting the arrival of someone to claim the trunk.

Investigation revealed that Banghart, who is known as L. J. Rogers, along with Schmidt and Isaac Costner had stopped from time to time at the Rose Hill Tourist Camp, located about nineteen miles from Knoxville, and that on the night of December 14, 1933, Banghart gave the proprietor of this camp, namely W. B. Walters, the original note, of which the attached is a photostatic copy. However, Walters gave the original of this note to the sheriff at Knoxville, Tennessee, and so far as it is known, neither Banghart nor any of his crowd returned to Knoxville or Le-

soir City, Tennessee. The package that was being held at Lenoir City awaiting claim by Banghart has been returned by the express company to Charlotte, N.C.

For the further information of the St. Paul Office in connection with this matter, it has been ascertained by the Cincinnati Office that Banghart, under the alias of L. J. Collins, on November 27, 1933 purchased from the Edwards Motor Company, Lexington, Kentucky, an Auburn Coupe, Model 8-161A, Eight Cylinder, Motor #80118, Serial #5434 A. This car has a light brown body and dark brown fenders. There were issued for the car Fayette County, Kentucky license plates (1933), No. 220,009. Isaac Coster also purchased from the same company, under the alias of J. A. Kostner, an Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinder, model 12-165, bearing motor number BB 1929 A, Serial #1077 A.

Last night the Division telephonically advised the Birmingham Office that it had been ascertained that Banghart was at Baltimore, Md. up until January 7, 1934, having been there for a month prior thereto, with his crowd, including the companions mentioned above, namely the Costner brothers and Ludwig Schmidt, along with Banghart's woman, who is Mae Blalock, alias Mae Rogers, and who is reported to be about twenty to twenty-five years of age, 5'4" in height, weight 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ , dark brown hair, cream complexion, blue eyes with long eye-lashes, and also reported to be approximately five months pregnant. The Division advised that when this party departed from Baltimore they indicated they were going to Louisville, Ky. While at Baltimore, Banghart is reported to have been wearing colored green glasses, and under the name of Lawrence J. Collins on December 19, 1933 purchased 1934 Maryland license plates 77427 for the above described Auburn Coupe.

Efforts are being made to secure additional original specimens of Banghart's handwriting, and as promptly as received they will be transmitted to the St. Paul Office.

Copies of this letter are also being directed to the Cincinnati and Charlotte offices, in order that those offices might likewise transmit any specimens of Banghart's handwriting, available in their files or readily procurable in their districts, to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC:Cincinnati (2)  
CC:Charlotte (2)  
CC:Philadelphia  
CC:Detroit  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROREP

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During the course of Mr. Nathan's telephone call at noon today he advised that he felt that the 'heat' should be put on Basil Banghart since he entertained the feeling that Banghart might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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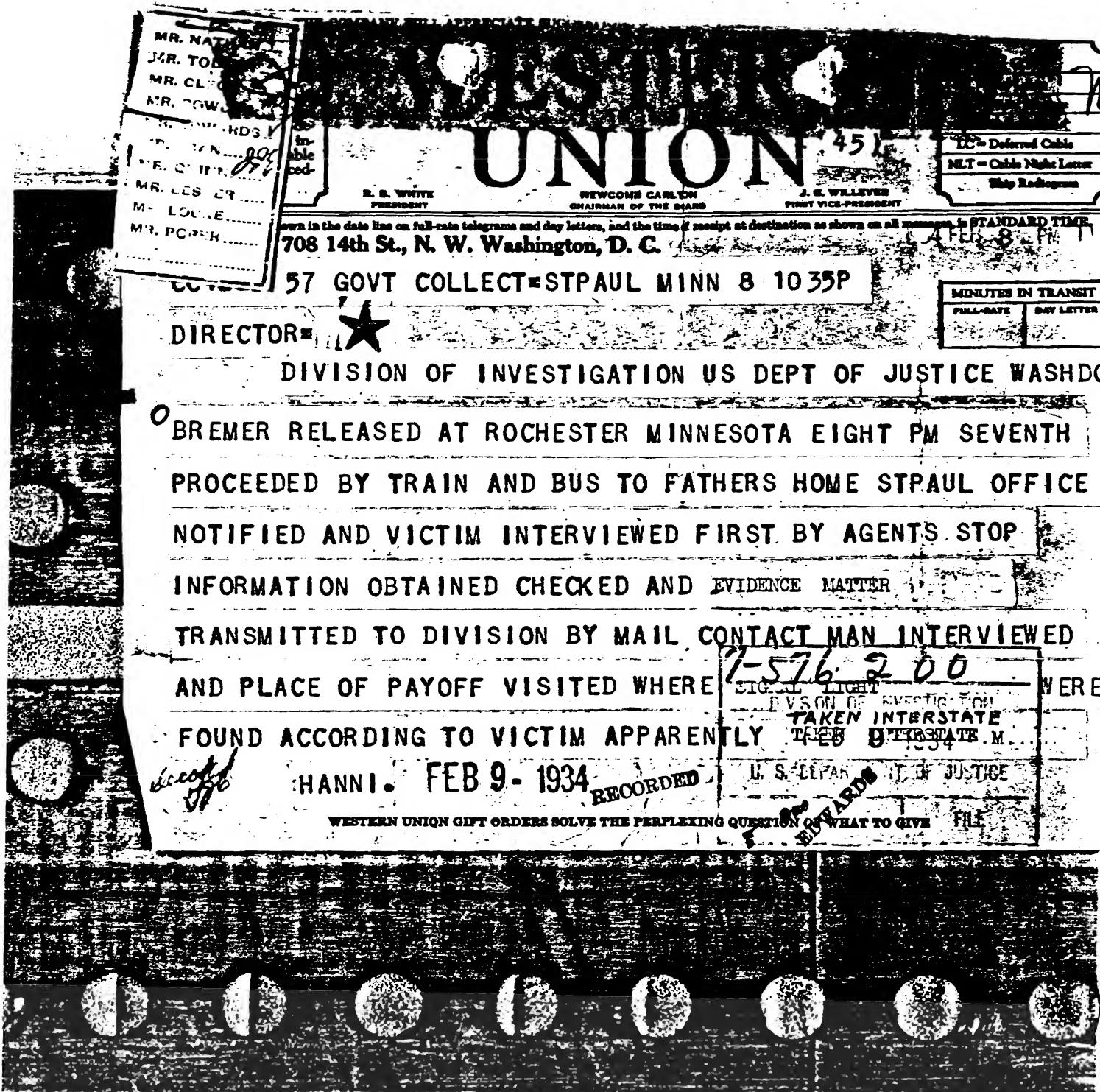
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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February 8, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnapping.

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Division of Investigation
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Reference is made to your telegram of February 7, 1934, which requested the names and descriptive data of suspects in the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, and to the telegraphic reply from this office of the same date.

Immediately upon the receipt of your telegram yesterday, Chief of Police Levene, at Holland, Michigan, was communicated with by telephone and he advised that among the suspects in this case, according to his files, in addition to Ernest Rossi and John Klutas, are the following:

Grover Comstock  
Robert Schmidt, alias Frisco Dutch  
Michael De Laurentis

He also advised that the Michigan State Police, at East Lansing, Michigan, probably had other suspects in the case. A wire was dispatched to the Detroit Office, requesting that they secure the names and descriptive data of the suspects in the possession of the State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, and forward them direct to the Division.

It is to be noted that one of the suspects, Michael De Laurentis, mentioned above, File #28-4972, entitled Michael De Laurentis, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. A review of that file indicates that the bandits who held up the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, used a Studebaker Sedan which had been stolen from its owner, H. L. Rauch, at Oak Park, Illinois, on September 14, 1932. De Laurentis was arrested as a suspect by the Chicago Police and identified from photographs and personal observation by several citizens of Holland, as being the driver of the car in question at the time it was being used by the bandits at Holland, Michigan. He was charged with robbery of the bank at Holland, but the Governor of Illinois declined to extradite him to Michigan for State prosecution, because De Laurentis produced several alibi witnesses showing that he was in and around Chicago, Illinois, on the day of the robbery. He was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 2, 1932, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in connection with this car. At a removal hearing before

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United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois, on November 28th and 29th, 1932, De Laurentis was discharged by the Commissioner, who stated in effect that while he believed that the identifying witness was sincere in his testimony, he was not convinced of its accuracy, and that he further believed the witness to be rather loose in testifying regarding certain significant dates and circumstances. At the same time the Commissioner stated he believed the testimony of the Defendant's alibi witnesses to be credible and to be given in good faith and was not impeached. Subsequently, the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that he would seek authority to enter a nolle prosequi in this case.

Reference is made to the telephone call of Mr. Crowley of the Division this morning, in which Mr. Crowley stated that on November 9, 1932, the following persons had been arrested in Chicago, Illinois, in possession of a quantity of bonds of the Bank of Holland, Michigan:

Ben Koupal, alias Berkson  
Julius Schreiber  
Ben Gross

File #29-503 in the Chicago Office discloses that United States Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, inquired of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by letter dated August 26, 1933, as to the circumstances of the arrest of these individuals and their subsequent release, although they had in their possession approximately \$21,000.00 worth of the listed bonds which were stolen from the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. At that time Mr. Purvis conducted an inquiry, through the Chicago Police Department, and in substance ascertained that Berkson had sold some of the securities stolen from this bank to a firm known as Reynolds & Company, Brokers, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that Berkson directed that the money due him be sent in the form of a check, in care of Farrell Brothers in the Board of Trade Building in Chicago. Detectives Ryan and Murphy, of the Chicago Police Department, at the request of Mr. Edward Ptacek, Manager of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, situated themselves at the offices of Farrell Brothers and, after being there two days, were released by operatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who arrested Berkson at the time he appeared at this place. At that time he was accompanied by Julius Schreiber and Ben Gross. In Schreiber's possession they found a list of bonds, which list of bonds was checked and found to be identical with those stolen from the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan. Further questioning of Berkson and Schreiber revealed nothing about the robbery of the bank. They refused to tell where they got the bonds which had been sold in Pennsylvania. Investigation disclosed that Ben Gross, also known as Harry Gross, apparently had no connection with the other two men and had just come

along with them. Pictures of the men were sent to Holland, Michigan, but none of the witnesses of the bank robbery were able to identify them as being any of the bandits, and subsequently they were released, when a representative of the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company advised that they did not desire to prosecute these individuals. While the report from the Police Department is not clear on the matter, it appears that these men turned over voluntarily, through their attorney, Mr. George Lavin of Chicago, \$21,000.00 worth of bonds stolen from the bank in Holland, Michigan, as well as \$6,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds, which were registered and which were subsequently turned over to the United States Secret Service. It appears that an agreement was entered into between the attorney for these men and the representative for the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company, whereby this company would not press prosecution if these bonds were turned over. It seems to be the general practice of the Legal Departments of insurance and bonding companies, to advise their clients to "stay out of the courts" on matters of this kind. It further appears that Mr. George Lavin, the attorney for the three men arrested and who it appears is now an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, informed Mr. Ptacek of the insurance company, that he had some of the bonds, which would be returned. Lavin is said to have stated that he had some of these bonds and that he needed \$1500.00 to get the rest of them out of pawn. Mr. Ptacek informed Mr. Lavin that he would not put up the \$1500.00 and suggested that Schreiber's brother put up the money. It appears that this was done and the bonds were returned.

Special Agent Charles Jenkins discreetly obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department, the descriptions of these individuals, set out below, together with their criminal records, as reflected by the files of the Chicago Police Department. A photograph of each of these individuals is now being prepared by the Chicago Police Department and will be ready for this office tomorrow morning. As soon as they are received additional copies will be made and forwarded to St. Paul for such value as they may have in this investigation. In the meantime this office is conducting an investigation to ascertain the present whereabouts of the above named individuals, and also making an effort to locate them and bring them into the Chicago Division Office for questioning. In addition arrangements are being made to have Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, sister of Ernest Rossi, who was recently slain, interviewed to ascertain whether she will give any information concerning the associations of Rossi which might be helpful in ascertaining the identity of those who participated in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery.

The following are the descriptions of the above named individuals:



Name - Robert S. Schmidt, alias Robert Smith, alias Robert  
Rheinhardt, alias Jacob Rosenbloom, alias Harry Brown,  
alias Joe Smith, alias Frisco Dutch.

Age - 49 years

Height - 5 feet 2 1/2 inches

Weight - 150 pounds

Eyes - Brown

Hair - Medium brown

Build - Medium

Complexion - Dark

Mark - One set of scars on lower left jaw

Occupation - Unknown

Nativity - Unknown

No scars

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Name - Michael De Laurentis

Age - 36 years

Height - 5 feet 6 inches

Weight - 175 pounds

Hair color - black

Eyes color - brown

Complexion - dark

Nationality - American

Nativity - New York

Marital Status - Married

Chicago Police Department

Fingerprint classification - S1 MO NO

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Name - Ben Youpal, alias Berkson

Age - 31 years

Height - 5 feet 3 inches

Fingerprint classification - S1 NO NO

Address - 111 Claremont Ave., 311 Claremont Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Pictures included in Chicago, Illinois, Group #4455.

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Name - Julius Schreiber

Age - 31

Height - 5 feet 5 1/4 inches

Weight - 165 pounds

Hair - Black

Eyes - Brown

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, 2644 Winona

Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Picture - Group #4456.

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Name - Ben Gross, alias Harry Gross

Age - 30 years

Height - 5 feet 5 1/4 inches

Weight - 165 pounds

Hair - Black

Eyes - Brown

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, Y.M.C.A., West Side,

Chicago, Illinois.

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It is to be noted that there is a very limited description of the last three individuals. This is due to the fact that these men were not put through the Bureau of Identification of the Chicago Police Department in the usual manner for felons, but were merely photographed in a group.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WAS/HMW  
CC St. Paul  
CC Detroit

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M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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REGARDING YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY EIGHT HOLLAND MICHIGAN SUSPECTS UNABLE  
IDENTIFY BEN YOUPAL JULIUS SCHREIBER HEN GROSS SUBMIT COPIES OF FINGERPRINTS

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Laboratory Report

February 3, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnapping.

Specimens: 16 anonymous, crank and information letters pertaining to the instant case; envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-25-34, 9:30 PM, note beginning "If you were sincere in your statement"; envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked St. Paul, Minn., 1-20-34, note beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money", letter and envelope written on stationery bearing heading C.E. McCracken, etc., the letter being signed by C.E. McCracken; envelope addressed with clippings from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-23-34.

St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 27 and 29, 1934.

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Examination requested: Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

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Result of examination:

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Examination by: C.A. Appel

None of the handwriting compares with that of Bremer or any of the other notes or letters, anonymous or otherwise, in this case. They were also compared with the anonymous letters sent to Judge Vaught from St. Paul and other places but no similarities were observed. It will be remembered that in the Urschel Case a threatening letter to Judge Vaught was tentatively identified with an anonymous communication to Factor. Of all of these letters, the one which appears most interesting from an investigative standpoint is that forwarded from Blairstown, New Jersey. This at first appears to be the work of an insane person. It contains a drawing and the words are difficult to read. They appear to be written with a modified German or European script, the spelling, however, being phonetic and according to a dialect of the writer. This may be Pennsylvania Dutch or some local colloquial language variation.

It is possible to read most of the message by assuming these things to be true, thus the letter is addressed "Mr. Searching Detective" and states "I give information". It appears to state that five men, kidnapers or kidnaped "good friend Mr. Bremer done him". On the left hand side of the sheet is a drawing of a house with a man and a woman in it. Under it is the label, "Two old people". Opposite to this are the words "one son" and between this house and a drawing of a road is a cylindrical drawing with a circle at each end. Over this is written "Bremer" and under it what appears to be "here". There are some words which have not been deciphered. After this is written "Search (not translated) look good the village --- 3 Freestt blocks and 3 small front" (apparently referring to houses). The word "village" is repeated and also "town" is written.

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There is a post opposite to a bend in the road. Opposite to the drawing of the house and the cylindrical object and in the road there is another drawing labelled "cars". In the middle of this letter there is a reference to 25 cents, ten cents, two entries of five cents, and one of three cents, the dates being December 25, January 10 and 5. The significance of these is not understood, probably because the word "drim" or "drive" is not clear. At the bottom there is further writing which appears to state that one of the men is a cousin of Becker or a banker, and he is not the kidnaper. On the other hand the son of the old people appears to be referred to as the kidnaper. The admonition is given "search good in front (?) 3 dess B. (Bremer?)."

Of course the above appears to be an ordinary hoax or nut letter and this interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the reason that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the Lindbergh extortion letters. The advisability of sending an agent to Blairstown, New Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, January 25, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. X. McCracken was written with a Noiseless typewriter equipped with Pica type and is not similar to the Bremer extortion letters. The letter addressed with clippings from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 23, appears to have no significance.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

3 - Director  
2 - St. Paul.  
2 - Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

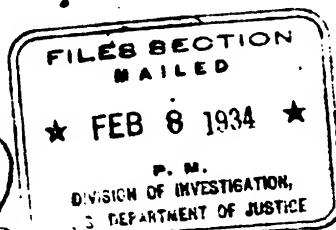
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division on January 27th and 29th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
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16 anonymous, crank and information letters pertaining to the instant case; envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-25-36, 9:30 A.M., note beginning "If you were unaware in your statement"; envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked Ft. Paul, Minn., 1-26-36, note beginning "Do not pay ransom money"; letter and envelope written on stationery bearing heading C. I. C. Bureau, etc., the letter being signed by C. E. M. Becker, envelope addressed with clipping from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-26-36.

St. Paul Office

January 27 and 29, 1936.

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Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

C.A.Appel.

Some of the handwriting compares with that of Bremer or any of the other notes or letters, anonymous or otherwise, in this case. They were also compared with the anonymous letter sent to Judge Wright from St. Paul and other places but no similarities were observed. It will be remembered that in Case 2 the writing letter to Judge Wright was tentatively identified by previous examination to Factors. Of all of these letters, the one most interesting from an investigative standpoint is that from Plainfield, New Jersey. This at first appears to be the work of an amateur. It contains a drawing and the words are difficult to read. They are written with a modified German or Norwegian script, the spelling phonetic and according to a dialect of the writer. This may be one of some local colloquial language variation. K

possible to read most of the message by assuming these things. The letter is addressed "Mr. Searching Detective" and states "It appears to state that five men, kidnappers or kidnapped the man". On the left hand side of the sheet is a drawing and a word in it. Under it is the label, "SEARCH". To the right of this are the words "one box" and between this and the label is a drawing with a circle at each end. That appears to be "box". There are 10 blocks and 8 small front (or large) is repeated and also

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There is a post opposite to a bend in the road. Opposite to the drawing of the house and the cylindrical object and in the road there is another drawing labelled "man". In the middle of this letter there is a reference to 23 cents, two cents, two entries of five cents, and one of three cents, the dates being December 20, January 10 and 2. The significance of these is not understood, probably because the word "triv" or "triv" is not clear. At the bottom there is further writing which appears to state that one of the men is a cousin of Parker or a brother, and he is not the kidnaper. On the other hand the son of the old people appears to be referred to as the kidnaper. The adulation is given "Search good in front (?) 3 does 20 (Brown?)".

Of course the above appears to be an ordinary note or not letter and a interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the fact that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the above extortion letter. The advisability of sending an agent to Elizabeth, Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Brown, postmarked Minneapolis, January 6, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay ransom money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. R. Erickson was written with a Heidelberg typewriter equipped with His type and is not similar to the Brown extortion letter. The letter addressed with clipping from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 20, appears to have no significance.

THE OFFICIAL WRITING WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL HOMOGENEITY WHICH MAY BE DISCOVERED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE SECURE THIS ORIGINAL WRITING FOR THE EXAMINATION PLEASE MAKE YOUR KEY AVAILABLE, THE BUREAU CANAL BE ENTITLED TO APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DAYS FOR THIS EXAMINATION.

2 - Director.  
2 - C. B. Pauls  
2 - Laboratory.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

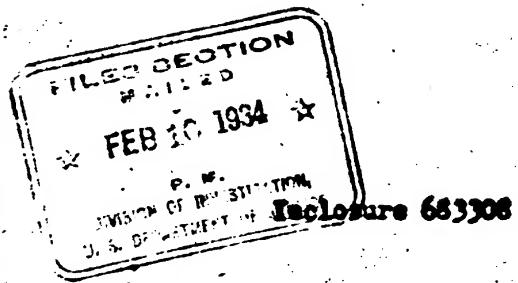
I thought that you would be interested in receiving a copy of the bulletin prepared by the Division reflecting the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Edward G. Bremer case pending at St. Paul. Several thousand copies of these bulletins are being forwarded to the St. Paul Office of the Division on this date in order that they might be distributed immediately to all banks, both national and state, located in that district.

Arrangements have already been made to forward to all field offices of the Division sufficient copies in order that similar action might be taken in every state in the Union. I have also planned to distribute these bulletins to all law enforcement officials throughout the country with the hope that the ransom money will be detected at the time efforts are being made to place it in circulation.

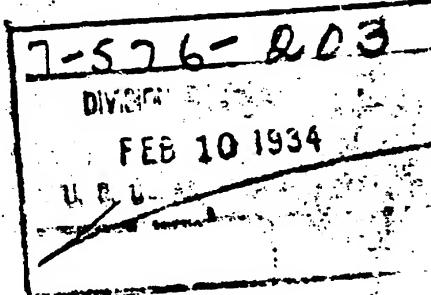
Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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February 8, 1924.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GOLDBECK

Colonel Gates telephoned to inquire what statement he could give to press representatives concerning the return of Mr. Bremer. I told him that we could make no statement whatever.

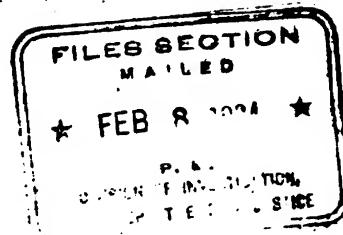
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Mr. Max Collier of the Washington Evening Star telephoned this office to inquire if he could be furnished with pictures of Mr. Harold Nathan and Mr. Werner Menni in connection with a story being prepared on the Bremer case. He was advised that no photographs are available.

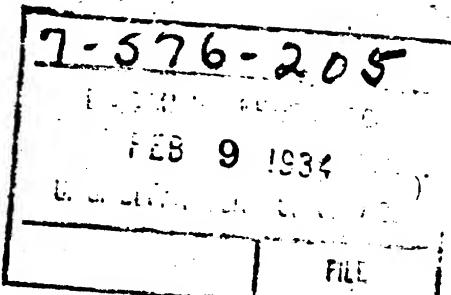
Very truly yours,

**Director.**

General G. G. Brewster



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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

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Supplementing my letter of January 22, 1934, setting  
the results of an interview had with Mrs. Catherine Kelly, wife of  
(Frankie Gun) Kelly, at Milan, Michigan, please be advised that I  
had a long talk with her last night in an effort to secure further  
information.

It will be noted in my letter of January 23 that EDWARD  
LARUE, alias BULL, who is the subject of our Identification Order No. 1804,  
dated January 24, 1934, is mentioned as a good suspect in this case. It  
will be noted that he had knowledge of the kidnapping of Charles Urschel  
prior to that abduction and was to take part in same with Kelly and Bates,  
but because of his failure to arrive in Texas at a designated time the offense  
was committed without him. It will be further noted that when plans were  
made for the kidnapping of Urschel that Larue had advanced the sug-  
gestion of keeping Urschel in the home of a crippled man in Aurora, Illinois.  
I believe is a significant point in showing the distance which Larue  
travelled as a victim.

Mrs. Kelly now informs me that both she and her husband  
have Larue for a sister of years; that he has visited them in Texas  
on occasions and that both she and Kelly spent a good deal of time  
around Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years  
ago Larue had proceeded to Chicago where ostensibly he was  
engaged in gambling enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable  
time and she received communication from him instructing her to go to  
Kansas City, Missouri, and that she would be met at the  
train station. She states that he requested her to use an airplane but  
she used the train and proceeded in that way; that upon  
arriving in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and Eddie  
Bates, and that they had the above referred to Identification Order, and that

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all three proceeded from the station to the Phillips Hotel which is near the Wahlbach Hotel; that Kelly registered as R. C. Shannon and wife, and she believes that Larue registered as L. E. Lang or Penn.

Kelly then told her for the first time that he and Larue had kidnapped a Mr. WOOLVERTON, a wealthy manufacturer in South Bend, Indiana; that Woolverton was picked off the street by Larue one evening when accom- panied by the Studebaker family, returning from some social engagement; that Kelly was driving a black Chrysler four-door sedan and that Woolverton was placed in this car and taken to a purported farmhouse between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, which house was occupied by a brother of Eddie Larue; that Woolverton was kept in the basement of this house for a period of two or three days. She states that Kelly told her that no ransom was paid for the release of Woolverton but that he was unexpectedly released one day when it was learned by Larue and Kelly that authorities were making a very careful search of houses in the vicinity. She states that Kelly informed her that Woolverton was released at a point near the city limits of Chicago and given ten dollars for transportation to his home.

She further stated that Kelly and Larue became engaged in an altercation over an amount of \$400 to be paid to Larue's brother for his part in furnishing the basement of his house; that while Woolverton was being held, Larue's brother's wife and, Mrs. Kelly believes, four children, were kept in Chicago.

She stated that some time later while she and Larue and her husband George were talking concerning various matters, that she mentioned the Woolverton kidnapping and that Larue became very indignant at George Kelly because he had made statements regarding that affair to his wife. She was present when this altercation took place. She further states that upon being met at the Kansas City station by Kelly and Larue she inquired as to why they had not instructed her to proceed to Chicago and Larue then remarked that it was necessary for them to leave that city in a hurry.

It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that the trio registered at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City about the day following the release of Woolverton. She stated that Kelly was closely associated with Larue and that Larue and Kelly took part in several bank robberies.

As information had indirectly reached this office to the effect that Bremer had been held at or near Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Kelly was asked if she knew of any connection that Larue might have in that city. She replied that about September 1932 while she and George Kelly were residing in an apartment house at 6000 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the name of R. C. Shannon and wife, a Western

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Union telegram was received directed to George Kelly from Eddie Larue signed "Ed"; that this telegram was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, and requested money. She recalls this incident very clearly because of the fact that both she and Kelly were living in New Orleans under the name of Shannon, which was known to Larue, but still he sent the wire under the name of Kelly, which irked George Kelly considerably, and that under ordinary circumstances her husband would never have received the wire if it had not been for the fact that she noticed the Western Union boy approaching the front door and he made inquiry of her as to whether or not he could find George Kelly here; that she informed him George Kelly was visiting her and that she would take the telegram. On another occasion when Larue was visiting the Kellys in Texas he was going to make a trip to St. Paul and requested Mrs. Kelly to furnish him with a schedule of airplane travel to that city. She determined that one line would take him through Sioux City, Iowa, where there was a stopover of one hour and a half. He then informed her that he could not take that line as he had an ex-wife living in Sioux City and did not want to be seen there.

In this connection it will be noted in the Identification Order that the home of Larue alias Doll is believed to be Burlington, Iowa. Also it is noted that he has two brothers, Fred Doll and Harry Doll, residing in Chicago. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the brother who occupied the house between Joliet and Chicago where Woolverton was kept, nor does she know where the house is located as she never visited the place.

It occurs to me that perhaps one of the two brothers listed above is the person who occupied the house in question and now probably has moved to Chicago, or perhaps Larue has another brother whose name is not shown on the Identification Order.

Larue told Mrs. Kelly that he had been married nine times. In this respect Mrs. Kelly advised that just following the Blue Ridge, Texas, bank robbery, about two years ago, in which robbery Larue, Kelly, Bates and Bailey were involved, a Miss DORIS BARTON appeared in Texas with Larue and visited the Kellys, and that directly from Fort Worth, Texas, this Doris Barton and Larue proceeded by airplane to the State of Maine, where the parents of Doris Barton are alleged to reside and where they are thought to operate a tourist camp. She states that they informed her they were going to Maine to be married. She further informs me that Larue had been acquainted with Doris Barton for a considerable period and that Doris Barton formerly resided in an apartment in either the 5000, 5100 or 5200 block on Sheridan Road, Chicago, which apartment was located either on the 4th or 5th floor; that she, Catherine Kelly, visited Doris Barton in this apartment several times. She stated that the address of this apartment was on an illuminated sign outside and she believes it to be 5240.

She states that Larus frequently remarked to her and to George Kelly that he was never going to give out the name of the town where his wife's folks reside, calling it "his paradise," stating that it was a fine place to hide out. She believes however that evidently the address has been furnished by Larus to Frank Hayes, the proprietor of the HAYES HOTEL, which is believed to be 737 South State Street, Chicago, as Hayes is the contact man for this outfit. In this connection reference is had to my communication dated January 23, 1934.

She describes Doris Barton, who is well known to her.

54 years old  
Small build  
Decided platinum blonde.

She states that Larus is a close associate of TOM BANKS of St. Paul, advising that frequently her husband, George Kelly, would locate Larus through Banks.

She also advised that following the visit to Cleveland, Ohio, on June 4, 1933, when George Kelly and she purchased the 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, they proceeded to Chicago and there met Larus and his wife. Mrs. Kelly believes this was between June 5 and 9; that Larus's wife had her eight year old nephew along and that they were registered at the Stevens Hotel, where Larus, his wife and the nephew had a suite of rooms costing \$17 a day. She stated that she knows positively that Larus, his wife and nephew departed from Chicago directly for Maine. Although Larus is fond of airplanes it is very possible that on this occasion train transportation was used, and it is believed that perhaps tickets might have been secured through the porter at the Stevens Hotel. Through this source the name of the city in Maine where the trio went might be determined.

She also advised that it is known to her that Larus frequently stopped at the Harrison Hotel, Chicago, near the Stevens and Company on Michigan Avenue, and that he stored his golf clubs in this hotel for a long time. It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that he probably lived there under either the name of Lang or Fern.

She also advised that he is very fond of a brown CHOW dog which he owns and frequently was seen out walking with this dog, which dog is very closely attached to Larus.

Mrs. Kelly states that on one or two occasions they ate dinners with Larus in restaurants in AURORA, Illinois, in which city

she believes he is well acquainted. Along this line she further states that Larue told her several times that he had a sweetheart in the Women's Reformatory at ALDERSON, who was serving a sentence on a violation of the National Prohibition Act; that this girl's home was in Aurora, and he frequently remarked that he would marry this girl when she was released from the penitentiary, indicating that he would desert Doris Barton. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the Sweetheart in Alderson, who she thinks was scheduled to be released about October 1933. This fact is mentioned in the event there is any indication that a woman might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

She stated that she had often heard Larue remark that he did not care much about robbing banks in view of the danger involved and that in the future his racket was going to be kidnaping, where there was more money involved, with less danger to himself. He also frequently indicated that he would demand \$200,000 ransom, and in discussing kidnapings with George Kelly on several occasions Larue stated that a victim should be kept at least two weeks. Also he stated that the victim should be transported a considerable distance. In this connection he was computing the distance traveled by the gang when robbing a bank, and stated that the same distance should be taken into consideration on a kidnaping, and indicated that he would run a kidnap victim as far as 600 miles if necessary. He also during his talks with George and Catherine Kelly stated that in perfecting a scheme to collect ransom without exposing himself he had arrived at the conclusion that he would never let the person paying the ransom deliver it to a designated spot. In this regard he had in mind the way the ransom was paid to Kelly and Bates in the Urschel case, further stating that he would instruct the person to drive on a somewhat deserted highway several miles from his home and at a rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour and that he would instruct him to drive up and down the road in a place where he would be able to observe all activities, and when he felt certain that no authorities or any other person were accompanying the individual with the ransom money, that person would either be approached on the road or he would be instructed to throw the money off to one side.

It occurs to me that a similar method was used in turning over the ransom money in the Hupp kidnaping case in St. Paul.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me that Larue always seems to drive CHEVROLET automobiles; that the last cars he had which she knew of were a red convertible Chevrolet coupe and a blue four door Chevrolet sedan. She stated that his wife Doris Barton usually drove the coupe. She also stated that she had observed Larue using her typewriter at El Paso, Texas, when he visited their home. She stated that with difficulty he could in a slight way operate the typewriter.

The further stated that Larue, who is a colored individual, but not well educated, makes several mistakes in his spelling and that she and her husband George Kelly frequently had big laughs over the spelling contained in some of his letters to them. She stated that they often jokingly remarked to him that evidently because of his misspelling he never used an alias containing several letters. She stated that the aliases used by Larue were usually very short names and easily spelled. In this connection it is interesting to note that there are several misspelled words in the original ransom note received by the Bremer family, as indicated in the letter from the St. Paul office dated January 30, 1934. The misspelled words were exhibited to Mrs. Kelly to determine if any of them registered with her as being words frequently used by Larue, and if the spelling in same would be similar to his.

Upon carefully going over these words she advised that the word "consecutive" (which it will be noted was spelled "consecutive" in the ransom note) was frequently used by Larue. She does not recall his spelling of this word. The other words did not mean much to Mrs. Kelly, but she stated that from her knowledge of Larue she felt that he would not be able to spell them correctly.

However she also advanced the theory that frequently in writing kidnap notes the perpetrator purposely misspells several words.

It occurred to me that perhaps if letters or telegram sent by Larue could be secured, several misspellings might be observed, and in this connection Mrs. Kelly stated that they received many telegrams and letters from Larue, but that the only one which she might assist in finding would be the telegram which was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, to New Orleans, Louisiana; that the date could be determined through inquiry at the apartment house at 5000 St. Charles Avenue where they lived for a short time, and the records of the Western Union at New Orleans searched for that period. She has no idea of the dates telegrams were received and does not know where any old letters from Larue might be found.

Information also reached this office indirectly to the effect that one FRED BARKER was suspected in the Bremer kidnaping. This name was given to Catherine Kelly and she stated that she had a faint recollection of hearing George Kelly talk to Tom Banks about a Fred Barker but that she had never met such an individual.

With regard to the GETAWAY CHART found following the robbery of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, September 29, 1932, Mrs. Kelly advised upon viewing a copy of same that ED and TED BENTZ, who were very closely associated with Larue and Kelly, frequently wrote similar charts, as did Kelly, Bailey and others. She further advised that she

recalls that her husband Kelly, LEE TURNER, who is a product of St. Louis but who has spent a good deal of time in Chicago and has been arrested once or twice under that name in Chicago, and one "BIG HOMER", originally proceeded to Holland, Michigan, to look over the bank for the purpose of robbing same; that when they returned to Chicago Kelly reported that it was too dangerous a job and that he abandoned the thought of same. Later however the bank was robbed and Mrs. Kelly believes that Lee Turner, Homer, perhaps Ed and Ted Bentz and perhaps Larus took part in the robbery. However, she has no direct information with regard to same. This is merely her suspicion and she makes that point very clear.

She states that Lee Turner, mentioned above, who is a very small man,

About 5 feet 5 inches  
Weight about 125 pounds  
Probably about 30 years old,

is a very close associate of Eddie Larus, and that he might be involved with Larus in the instant kidnaping case. It is her thought that Turner, who does not know very well, is acquainted in and around the Twin Cities.

She states that this man Homer, who usually was found loitering around the Island at BURNHAM, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, is

Very heavy set man  
About 5 feet 8 inches  
Weighing about 220 pounds  
Between 40 and 45 years of age  
Talks in low tones;

and that he is also a very close friend of Larus.

Ed and Ted Bentz, who are mentioned in the Urschel kidnaping file, are also close friends of Turner, Larus and other members of the gang. The Bentzes, it will be noted, are bank robbers.

She stated that Homer usually drives a Cadillac four-door sedan, and that it is her thought that he has a wife and a baby about four years of age residing in Burnham. She does not know if Homer is his last name.

She further stated that about two years ago while she and her husband, George Kelly, were in St. Paul, Kelly, Bailey, KEATING, HOLDEN, VERN MILLER and one DUTCH WEINER robbed a bank at Ottumwa, Iowa. She stated that she observed this gang when they pulled away from the hotel

just prior to the robbery; that she read about the robbery in the paper the following day, and upon the return of Kelly he informed her regarding the affair.

In this connection it may be stated that upon communicating with Special Agent in Charge Werner Hamm today at St. Paul, he informed me that one of the suspects in the Bremer case is alleged to be a short person, probably around 5 feet 5 inches. From the above it will be noted that Lee Turner is about that height, also Dutch Weiner, mentioned above, as being involved in the bank robbery in Iowa, and who operates a gambling table in The Boulevard and The Plantation in St. Paul, is about 5 feet 5 inches tall, and she states that Kelly has frequently informed her that he is very tough. This individual Mrs. Kelly believed is also well known to Larue and should be taken into consideration as a suspect in the Bremer Case. He is also well acquainted with Tom Banks and JACK PFEIFFER.

Mrs. Kelly was unable to advance any information as to what particular typewriter was used in preparing the getaway chart in the Holland bank robbery, this being the first time that she knew that such a chart existed. She stated that the different members of the gang, including her husband, had often mentioned the fact that a special keyboard could be secured so that authorities would be unable to trace the writer of ransom notes, but she never heard of any unusual typewriter being used to prepare charts or ransom notes in kidnaping.

She described Eddie Larue, whom she knows very well, as follows:

About 6 feet  
Quite slender  
Very good looking  
Weight between 150 and 160  
Brown hair  
Wears glasses, not tortoise shell  
Very neat dresser  
Always smiling

She further states that his teeth are in bad condition and he frequently visits dentists.

Mrs. Kelly further informed me in regard to Frank Hayes of the Hayes Hotel mentioned in this communication that following the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, George Bates sent \$2700 of the ransom money to Hayes, that sum representing an amount loaned to Bates by Hayes. She stated that Bates in his communication transmitting the money informed Hayes

that it was hot and that Hayes evidently knew that it was the Bremer ransom money. In this respect she states that Hayes has the confidence of the gang so well established that they discuss kidnapping and other matters with him prior to the offense. She states that Hayes has also carried Larue along with cash on several occasions. It seems that when any member of the gang runs short of money, Hayes will help him along. She states that she is positive that Hayes will never reveal any information about the gang; that it has often been said that he would die before giving any information. Perhaps he could be reached under a pretext of some sort.

She further advised that Larue had frequently stated that after he gets away with one big kidnapping he is going to embark for South America; that he very often read books concerning that portion of the continent.

With regard to the \$2700 ransom money sent to Frank Hayes, Mrs. Kelly states that she was present when her husband George and Bates became engaged in an altercation because Kelly did not approve of Bates forwarding this money to Chicago. She also states that Frank Hayes has an unlisted telephone in his home, residence address unknown.

I feel very confident that Mrs. Kelly is very honest in the information which she has furnished, as there absolutely was no indication to think otherwise.

The substance of the above was telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge Hamm at St. Paul, and also to Mr. Clegg at Washington. The Chicago office was also requested to immediately contact the Woolverton family at South Bend, Indiana, and without divulging the names of Kelly or Larue ascertain if any ransom notes were received while Mr. Woolverton was held a victim, and if so, to immediately communicate with the St. Paul office for the purpose of comparing same with the note received in the Bremer matter. Also it was suggested that the photograph of Lee Turner with description be secured from the Chicago police and forwarded to St. Paul. In this respect the fingerprints should also be secured in comparing same with the fingerprints which may later develop in the spot where Bremer was held.

It was also suggested to the St. Paul office that steps be taken to have George Kelly at Leavenworth interviewed in an attempt to determine the exact location of the house between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, where Woolverton was held, it being noted that he was kept in the basement of that house. It is also suggested that the Chicago office through the Stevens Hotel where Larue stayed during June 1932, and through the Harrison Hotel, and if possible, through Frank Hayes, determine the whereabouts of Larue, who perhaps is now hiding in the state of Maine.

Special Agent in Charge Hamm informed me that Mr. Bremer had been held in a basement and for this reason it appears significant to secure the location of the house between Chicago and Joliet for the purpose of determining if Bremer possibly could have been held there.

At the present time inquiries are being made of the Michigan State Police and all authorities at Holland, Michigan, to secured the names of the suspects in the Holland Bank robbery with a view to determining if any of these suspects might possibly have been involved in the Bremer Kidnapping. In this connection it is suggested that when George Kelly is interviewed at the penitentiary at Leavenworth, that such information as he might give concerning the Holland Bank robbery be secured. It will be noted in the body of this letter that he made a survey of this bank prior to the robbery and undoubtedly has a very good idea who committed the actual offense.

Very truly yours,

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